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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

MAJOR-GENERAL G.G. BROWN, OSTJ, CD

Another challenging and productive year for the Regiment has gone by and the Regiment rides high. I have visited all Battalions and the Battle School and have been most impressed with the morale, training, discipline, enthusiasm, and most important, Regimental spirit which are all of the highest order.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia, continues to inspire us all with her interest, dedication and her abundant energy, as she visits with us at work and at play. In March, despite a dreadful cold, she visited her Patricia's of First Battalion on Exercise Sovereign Viking on Ellsmere Island. She saw installations at Resolute Bay, went to Little Ellsmere to visit a COMINCO mine above and below ground and followed that up by visiting all Patricia's participating on a high arctic patrol, either on the trail or in their tent groups, while the wind chill hovered at -113 degrees Fahrenheit. I was warmed by her keen interest as well as the great affection in which she is held by her Patricia's. She presided at a Retirement Dinner in Ottawa with regular and retired Patricia's, before her high arctic visit and her Second Battalion after. It was a great pleasure for me to see her recognize the service of our comrades Majors Bill Love, Dave Snowball, Fred Vokes, Dick Wallace and Captain Paddy Collins and present them with their retirement gifts. 2 PPCLI put on a first class show as her farewell to Canada. As I write this, the finishing touches are being put on another of her "firsts" — a visit to Exercise Ric-A-Dam-Doo, a Regimental familiarization exercise for our new officers.

This has been a banner year for promotions. Good talent and ability have been recognized with promotions to Junior NCO rank, to Senior NCO, to Warrant Officer and to Subaltern, Field Officer, and General Officer. The Regiment is providing fine leaders and gaining the recognition it deserves.

Next July I will be stepping down and giving to another, the great privilege and honour of being your Colonel. This will bring to an end, thirty-seven years of continuous service to our Regiment, and a total of forty-five years of militia and active service to the Canadian Army. Almost two of those years was with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, now 4 PPCLI, in Italy and Northwest Europe during World war II. The Canadian Army has been very good to me and I shall always be most grateful for the privilege of serving. I believe the greatest and by far the most outstanding reward that I have received has been to know the Canadian Soldier, in war and peace, particularly the infantry man, the product of our Regimental system. He is a wonderful, brave, kind, tough, compassionate, caring citizen who, most of the time, holds his true feelings under a rough exterior. In other words, a superb fighting man, a Patricia.

I hope to visit all of you in the coming months and thank you personally. In the meantime, and if I don't see you, please accept my everlasting gratitude and admiration.

RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE

ALBERT EDWIN ARMSTRONG CARSON
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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Editor's Note: Albert E. Carson joined the PPCLI in 1940, following basic training. This account was presented by his wife, Mrs. Alma Carson, following his death in 1980. It is published to give an insight of the more personal thoughts and experiences of the ordinary soldier during that period of our Regiment's history.

I enlisted January 25, 1940 at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. While training in Winnipeg, my home away from home was at 862 Warsaw Avenue, Winnipeg with a company of First Division reinforcements. About May 12, 1940, we went aboard the "Duchess of Bedford" at Halifax. One other troopship in the convoy, our escort, was the British Battleship, the "Revenge." The ocean voyage was a wonderful experience. I was taken on strength of the Field Battalion, P.P.C.L.I. at Cove Barracks, England on May 22, 1940. We had arrived at Liverpool about May 20th. During the Battle of Britain in the summer of 1940, we kept moving about to many different places: First, in a park near Oxford, then to Kettering, Northampton, back to Cove, Surrey, then three weeks along the south coast east of Brighton — Woodingdean to Rottingdean. The beauty of the English gardens and fields in summer, I shall always remember. For most of 1941 we were in or near Godstone, Surrey, but also at Westerham, Kent and spent some time at Brighton. On my leaves I paid memorable visits to London, Stratford-on-Avon, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Trossach district (Loch Katrine) in Scotland. Also in Scotland, I visited the Lumgair homes at Carnoustie. At Loughton near London, I had several visits with members of the Simmons family. In London I purchased a violin from W.E. Hill and Sons on Bond Street. On a few occasions I played this violin for the troops. Another favorite spot in London for me was Foyles Book Store on Charing Cross Road.

On March 17 (her birthday), we had a visit from the gracious and beautiful Lady who gave her name to our regiment — Princess Patricia of Connaught. She came to see us again several times.

We spent most of 1942 in Sussex: on the Downs near Brighton, at Woodingdean, at Hampton Park near Polegate, and at Eastbourne. On the evening of August 13, 1942, we kept watch along the Sussex coast for returning survivors of the raid on Dieppe. From March to May, 1943, we were at Seaford, Sussex, preparing to leave England. In early June of 1943, we at last bade farewell to the south of England and went by train to Hamilton in Scotland near Glasgow. About June 20, we were aboard the "Langibby Castle." In a great convoy of ships we sailed far west out in the Atlantic, then far away to the south to tropical latitudes; after that we sailed northeast to Gibralter. About July 8, 1943, we passed Gibralter, passing the shores of Africa to the south on July 9, 1943. We sailed slowly to the east — a great number of ships spread out over the sea. On July 9, evening, we went north toward Sicily. 12:30 A.M., July 10, we climbed down from the ship into our assault craft. The wind was very strong and the sea rough. We continued north toward the beaches of Sicily. At dawn, July 10, we swept in on the coast of Sicily just west of Pachino. The First Canadian Division was now a unit of the British Eighth Army under Montgomery. While aboard ship I was transferred from "D" Rifle Company to the Intelligence Section at Battalion Headquarters. The work of the "I" section is mostly caring for things like maps and messages and most of all to know where everybody is and what is going on all the time.

Among those on my assault craft were Lt. Col. Lindsay, who was Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. Another was Corporal Drew who like myself was a member of the "I" section. Two British soldiers who were 8th army signallers were on the craft. They were next to me in the boat so I could talk to them. We were very soon inland from the beaches by a few hundred yards. The Italian coast-guard troops seemed completely surprised by the attack and offered little resistance. On the evening of July 10, I was given the task of escorting a group of Italian prisoners back to the beaches. My ability to speak a little Italian thus became useful immediately. It was late morning on July 11 when I was at last able to leave the beach area and make my way forward to try to catch up with the P.P.C.L.I. Making my way forward alone, I was famished and thirsty under the hot sun. I stopped at a wretched hut: such a dwelling as the very poorest Sicillians had as a place in which to live. At the door of the hut there was a woman and two small children — all three clothed in rags. I said to her — making my best effort with Italian, "I o ho fame," (I have hunger). She gave me a piece of black bread

and a glass of wine. All my life I have never been more grateful for a kindness shown.

By late afternoon of July 11, I had rejoined my own unit. We made our way slowly northward toward Leonforte. Everyday was equally hot, the sun blazing down from a cloudless sky. Lt. Smith, the officer commanding our "intelligence section" was wounded on about July 18. His wounds were severe and I do not believe that he rejoined the P.P.C.L.I. I had enjoyed working with him. He had interviewed me aboard the "Langibby Castle" to request my transfer to his section. My work included gaining information, re casualties. This brought me in close touch with the first-aid men and in particular with Dr. Fairfield, our medical officer. Among the P.P.C.L.I. officers, Lt. Smith and Dr. Fairfield were two whose friendship I especially valued.

Advancing east from Leonforte, my friend Winston Dobson fell in the field during an attack the night of July 22. I had known him for three years in England and I kept up a correspondence with his parents after the war.

Our advance was stopped for nearly a week at Agira. Here I became acquainted with a few Sicilian families which gave me a chance to improve my spoken Italian. One family had an old violin. They were delighted when I was able to tune it well enough to play a few pieces.

It was near Leonforte that I picked up in a field a letter written by a very young German girl — about ten years old I would estimate by the handwriting. I remember the first line of her letter. It read: "Ich habe mit grosser Freude deinen geliebten Brief Erhalten." (I have with great joy received your dear letter). The letter was addressed to her brother — a soldier. Her simple child-like words of affection reminded me that the strain of warfare and separation were just as great for the families of German soldiers as for my own family and the families of my comrades. From Agira, we made out way eastward to the western slopes of Mount Etna. After a few days we made our way to a rest camp area about sixty miles or more south-west of Catania. Our part of the Sicilian campaign had ended when we reached Mount Etna. I believe the nearest town to our rest camp was a village called Milletelo. The best part of our stay there were the few trips to beaches near Catania where we could swim in the Mediterranean Sea.

Note: "Erhalten" may not be the correct word.

September 3rd and 4th, 1943: It was time to have a look at Italy, so we made a dash across the Messina Strait to Reggio di Calabria on the toe of Italy. There were no enemy troops to be seen when we landed. We made our way very slowly through rugged mountain country, all bridges being blown out. In a few days we arrived at a small town; I believe it was Cittanuova. I was becoming ill with hepatitis (jaundice) and I had to be evacuated back to hospital in Sicily. I went back by air ambulance — that is, in an old two engine British bomber converted to an ambulance plane. My one week stay in hospital was very pleasant. The hospital had been an Italian hospital. It was just north of Catania on the lower slope of Mount Etna. I was then sent for three weeks to a rest camp at the south end of Catania, where I could enjoy swimming in the sea.

A fast trip by night from Syracuse to Taranto in a small ship brought me back to Italy. I remained for about a week at #4 Canadian Base Reinforcement Group camp near Taranto, and was able to see a little of that city. I attended a service one Sunday at the British Eighth Army Base at Taranto.

It would be late October of 1943 when I rejoined the P.P.C.L.I. The Patricias were out of the front line and camped at Busso near Campobasso when I rejoined them. Very soon we were moving north to continue the arduous campaign along the Adriatic coastal plain toward Ortona. I recall the crossing of the Moro and Sangro Rivers. On Christmas Day, we were about a mile south of Ortona. About two weeks later we had established a line about a mile north of Ortona and extending west to the mountains. For a time this became a sort of fixed winter line with no further advance to the north. Some soldiers were given five-day passes for a holiday at Bari. I was one of the lucky ones and so I came to know Bari better than any other Italian city. I became acquainted with some Italians at Bari and Ortona. This gave me a chance to improve my ability to speak their language. I think Ortona would have been a very nice town in more peaceful times. I expect they have it all rebuilt long before now. I recall one night north of Ortona when four or five men of our Scouts and Snipers section went forward in the darkness and rescued a wounded soldier from the very doorstep of the enemy line. They returned to safely; the wounded man recovered. I believe it was some time in April that the First Canadian Division was withdrawn from the line north of Ortona — It may have been in March.

For a week or two we were encamped near the Adriatic, quite some distance south of Ortona. Then we moved again to a camp north-west of Campobasso. During this time I transferred from my work with Battalion Headquarters and rejoined "D" Company. This was the Company I had served with in England. During the last days of April, I was becoming ill with malaria. On May 1, 1944, it became necessary for me to leave the P.P.C.L.I. in the field. I was at a field dressing station in Campobasso for a week receiving treatment for the malaria. Next I stopped one night only at a hospital near Caserta. After this I went to the Canadian "X-8" camp at Avolino near Naples. My stay at Avolino for about a month until about June 20 was perhaps the most enjoyable part of my Italian journey. I would walk through the town during the afternoons and evenings talking to many different people and "bartering" with the shopkeepers. At one house there was a violin which I played. At another house there was a small girl — her name was Maria Greco. One day little Maria said to me: "I o voglio avere dente bianchi come i vostri" (I wish to have teeth white like the yours), and she wanted to know if I could find a tooth brush for her. She danced with joy when I brought her a new tooth brush. I had found it by digging down into my kit-bag.

The time for me to leave Italy had now arrived. Near the end of June, I made the short journey to Naples in an army truck — all of those in the truck on their way back to England. We went directly to the dock area on the beautiful Bay of Naples and went aboard the French cruiser "La Gloire." A swift passage by night across the Mediterranean and we arrived at Oran in the morning. My stay on the shore of North Africa was to last for only four hours. Toward evening we went aboard the American liner the "Monarch of Bermuda." This was truly a luxury ship; it had been used as a holiday cruise vessel before the war. The journey to England in fine summer weather was very enjoyable.

And so on a fine summer day in July 1944 our ship sailed into Liverpool harbour and I saw the green fields of England before me once more. I had been in England for more than three years — May 1940 until June 1943 — and so coming back to England was just like coming home. I spent only a few days at a reception camp near Witley; this camp was just up the hill through the trees above

Haslemere Road. I was becoming ill with malaria again so I had to go into hospital: First to a hospital near Hindhead, then to another hospital not far from Fleet and Godstone. I was able to leave the hospital one afternoon and I had a nice walk through the Godstone area where we had been in 1941.

On leaving hospital, instead of sending me to the First Canadian Infantry base the powers-that-be misdirected me to a base camp for machine-gun regiments; in this way I arrived at Otley, Yorkshire. Otley is a very lovely town with a river flowing by and lots of park areas. They did not seem to know what to do with me at the camp so I simply kept out of the way most of the time by spending afternoons and evenings in the town. I was listed at camp headquarters as "Misdirected Personnel with no Documents." Next they sent me to the main camp at Witley, where I was still "Misdirected Personnel." After a brief stay at Witley I at last was sent to the base camp for the P.P.C.L.I. at Aldershot where my papers or documents caught up with me.

After a brief stay with the Patricias at Aldershot my next move was to No. 1 Canadian Repatriation Camp at Thursley, Surrey. Here I was to stay until my repatriation to Canada in May, 1945. It would be either October or November 1944 when I arrived at the camp at Thursley.

There came an evening in about late October or November when I made my way to Chichester Hall at Witley. I believe it was a Saturday evening. The hall was crowded. I just waited inside the door for a time. Presently I caught sight of a tall slender girl in the midst of the crowd. I made my way through the crowd to her and said simply, "Would you care to dance please?" This was the beginning of the friendship of Alma Grace Long and myself. We passed the evening together, and when the dancing ended we walked along the quiet road to her home — "Pine View" on Haslemere Road.

One day when I was in Guildford I was able to buy a bicycle; an old one but in quite good shape. Once I got going with the bicycle I came to enjoy riding along the winding roads in the district — up and down hill. There were many interesting villages within easy riding distance. Some of them were: Godalming, Witley, Milford, Haslemere, Hindhead, Churt, and Thursley.

And so in this very lovely part of western Surrey the last few months of my stay in England passed by. These were the months of December 1944 until early May 1945. About May 7th or 8th was the day I was to leave Thursley to go to Liverpool. The evening before I left I was able to call to see Alma.

At Liverpool I went aboard the "Duchess of Bedford," the same ship that had brought me across the Atlantic from Canada five years earlier. I arrived home about May 20th. It was Norman who came by car to meet me when I came out on the bus from Winnipeg. My Dad, my Mother, and Wilma were at home to greet me when I arrived with Norman at our old farm home four miles south-west of Thornhill, Manitoba.

I had thirty days leave at home. During July and August I cared for the barracks vegetable garden at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg. On September Fourth I received my discharge. I had completed five years, seven months and eleven days service with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

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It was aboard the "Duchess of Bedford," renamed the "Empress of Canada," that I came to Canada in January of 1948 to become the wife of Albert Carson.

Alma G. Carson

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FIRST BATTALION

The summer passed, old friends departed, new friends arrived and RV 81 was but a memory. This marked the start of a new year for the battalion, the first under our new CO, LCol Ray Crabbe.

September came with a rush that marked the standard for an event-filled year — BATUS, Battle School, PCF courses, Winter Exercises, Ex RAPIER THRUST, Ski School, another Battle School and WAINCON. Where does the time go — it seemed like only yesterday that we were returning from leave . . .

A COMPANY

Op BILBO

A Coy, under command of Maj Don Ethell, started an eventful year by participating in Operation BILBO. The operation involved the clearance of the Sarcee training area of unexploded ordinances prior to handing the land back to the Sarcee Indian Band. Over 300 soldiers, including sappers from across Canada, troops from 3 PPCLI and members of the LdSH (RC) were attached to the Company, at any given time. Using various mine detectors and prodders, the slow and tedious clearing resulted in the recovery of hundreds of duds and literally tons of scrap metal. Hard work and co-operation between the units enabled the task to be completed ahead of schedule.

OP BILBO
Pte Flynn searches for that elusive dud

MCpl Bupuis tries to get a reading while Pte Corbin looks on

PCF — MG Course

On completion of the annual weapons classification, the company prepared to conduct two back-to-back basic MG Courses. The course staff, headed by Capt Wayne Ramsden was drawn from within the company. During the course, candidates were taught the intricacies of HMG, GPMC, and Grizzley turret. After spending three weeks in Calgary learning the theory and carrying out dry training, each course proceeded to Camp Wainwright where the weapons were fired in every mode and role. As a result, over 60 soldiers were qualified as machine gunners.

SUE Alaska

During the period 6 Jan to 24 Jan, the Company participated in a Small Unit Exchange with Company C, 419 Infantry Brigade (Manchus) from Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The company conducted interesting and challenging training that included recce and fighting patrols, deliberate attacks and defensive operations. The most exciting training involved extensive heliborne operations, featuring platoon raids against obsolete SAM sites, supported by Cobra Gunships.

Familiarization training with our American counterparts included a defensive live fire exercise using their weapons, skiing on US style "Bangie Boards" and a Chinook jump for those who were para qualified.

The exchange was an unqualified success. Reflections of "C" rations and hills that never seemed to go down will ensure that the exercise will be long remembered.

SUE Alaska
A Coy ski patrol prepares for action

SUE Alaska
Pte Henick watched by Pte Butters fires the M60. An American feeds ammo

Comd FMC inspects the Quarter Guard on his arrival

Comd FMC Annual Inspection

When you are being inspected by the "big boss" and you want to look your best you choose the best to represent the Base and Battalion. Therefore, when LGen C.G. Belzile conducted his annual inspection of CFB Calgary and the Battalion on 16 Mar 82, A Coy was called to the forefront. The inspection allowed the Commander to determine first hand the status of Base Calgary and allow him to meet and speak with as many soldiers as possible.

On arrival, he was greeted by a Quarter Guard commanded by Sgt Raynor. The remainder of the day saw the Commander view the remnants of the Sarcee training area, unit lines and A Coy rappel training.

After lunching with the Senior NCOs and speaking to the Officers that afternoon, the day culminated with a Mess Dinner at the Officers' Mess. Thanks to the fine showing by the Battalion, in particular A Coy, the Base came out with an excellent showing.

Battle School/WAINCON 82

Following the very worthwhile exchange with the US Army in Alaska and a fine showing for Comd FMC, A Coy attended the Battalion Battle School in Wainwright. Our tasks included the grenade assault range and live fire, section fire support base, organized by MWOs Brausen and Martens respectively. The Battle School, which was comprehensive and instructive, led into WAINCON 82 where A Coy relearned mechanized operations. A most interesting concentration with numerous live-fire exercises.

To cap off our highly successful year, it should be mentioned that A Coy won the Hamilton Gault Skill-At-Arms trophy which is awarded annually to the infantry company with epitomizes shooting excellence. This competition is open to all rifle companies of the Regiment.

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B COMPANY

BATUS

Following RV 81, B Coy was the recipient of a new Coy Comd, Maj R.P. "Ranger" Bragdon. The Coy soon felt his presence, as he led them through the BATUS training in Suffield, Alta. BATUS was a "once in a lifetime" experience carrying out live-fire operations with the British Army. B Coy quickly adapted to its mechanized role and set the standard which was sought after throughout the training period. The soldiers found the training exciting, demanding and most rewarding.

AVGP Courses

The Coy ran two very successful AVGP courses during our fall PCF cycle. Under the trained eyes of Sgts White and Bynkoski, our soldiers soon became proficient in the art of handling AVGPs. The course involved driver maintenance, road moves, cross country driving and tactical employment of the AVGP. The expertise shown by the graduates during the exercises that followed, made the rest of the Battalion very appreciative of B Coy trainers.

B Coy BATUS
Major 'Ranger' Bragdon assumes control

B Coy BATUS
Lt Stinson – "I think we're here!"

SUE Alaska

After a successful PCF cycle, surviving the RAPIER THRUST ice age and demonstrating an improved expertise at the Battalion Battle School, the Coy was chosen to represent the Unit for a Small Unit Exchange with the 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry (GO DEVILS) in Alaska. The training at Fort Richardson consisted of three phases. The first involved range practices and instruction on American section weapons. The second found the men conducting live-fire advance to contact training and patrols into the nearby mountains of Fort Richardson. The concluding phase employing the same terrain, commenced with an air mobile assault employing the American national Guard and a live-fire deliberate attack ending with a search and destroy mission. The troops certainly could not complain about not being able to see the lights of Fort Richardson — even if it was from atop a mountain!!

SUE Alaska
Sgt Hill's Section prepares for battle

The Exercise however, was not all work and no play. At the conclusion of the final phase, the Coy proceeded on a well-deserved four day R&R program. Arranged tours of the area were attended by many, while still others preferred the excitement of finding their own way.

Coupled with the R&R was a challenge to a game of slow pitch between the Coy and our hosts. Needless to say the challenge was eagerly accepted. A score of 13 to 12 against the Americans, demonstrated the skill of B Coy. Our hosts, not taking the loss easily, put forth another challenge — this time to fastball. Again B Coy strolled to an easy victory.

The Coy deployed to Wainwright for the rest of WAINCON with a feeling of satisfaction that they had completed a very worthwhile exchange not only proving their expertise in infantry skills, but also in baseball.

In all, the exchange proved to be most rewarding a good time was had by all.

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SUE Alaska
Sgt Soucie's Section with U.S. weapons

Operation BRAVO

The Coy was also involved in an operation conducted against the Penhold Base Defence Force — OP BRAVO. The operation, which involved a helicopter insertion and rescue of a hostage, concluded with long range escape and evasion. Those who were captured will long remember the experience.

All in all, a very interesting, exciting and satisfactory year for "Ranger" Company.

C COMPANY

C Coy started the year preparing for annual classification, followed very quickly by a move to Wainwright for the actual firing. This was followed up by fall PCF Courses and preparation for that fantastic swan everyone was trying to get on, EX SOVEREIGN VIKING.

Ex Sovereign Viking 8201

Ex Sovereign Viking was conducted on Cornwallis Island (top of your maps) and the surrounding Arctic icepack during the period 10 Feb to 16 Apr 82. As 2 PPCLI had first choice on timings, they chose to go to Resolute Bay during the tourist season, when the char fishing was superb. C Coy therefore, was there during the off-season, when even the Inuit stayed home. In fact, after drilling through nine feet of ice, it was found that the Inuits were not the only ones that stayed home — it appeared the char did as well!!

Augmented by members of B Coy, Cbt Sp Coy and Adm Coy, along with personnel from 1 Svc Bn, 1 CBG HQ & Sigs Sqn, 1CER, 1Fd Amb, and 408 Tac Hel Sqn, C Coy set out to conduct long range vehicle patrols in the high Arctic. Unfortunately, the AVGP had little success on land, although it fared better on ice. Ever notice that polar bears and not Grizzlies roam the Arctic???

Things started out with a bang. The advance party left two days before the main body and arrived in Resolute Bay one hour after them. The firm base quickly set up in several abandoned and dilapidated buildings after many days of hard work. In fact Maj Brigden, the Det Comd, tried to turn it into an ice palace when the water lines broke.

Now that the Coy was firmly established, foot and vehicle patrols were despatched, lasting from one to six days. The training though very demanding was both interesting and worthwhile. Besides vehicle and foot patrols, we moved by helicopter and conducted two live-fire exercises. The weather averaged a comfortable -56 C with a low of -90 C. There was one white-out which stranded a patrol for 48 hours in their vehicles — but all survived.

The highlight of the exercise was the visit by our Colonel-in-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma along with the Colonel of the Regiment and the Regimental Major. Oh yes, the CO and RSM were there also. The Colonel-in-Chief visited the support base and the local area, then flew to meet the deployed patrol in their bivouac area. She met and spoke with each member of the patrol, an event which we shall all remember.

Trivia Corner

Maj Brigden ate 500 lbs of jelly beans, Capt Austdal set the Guiness World Record for getting an AVGP stuck north of the tree line, Lt Stetzenko spent the most money while Maj Brigden made money, WO Cableguen of B Coy and his platoon had the only close encounter (the white, furry kind), and Pte Wong founded the Arctic Circle Club. Oh yes, ask WO Stott about his nice tape and MCpl Pleski about his igloo.

Ex Sovereign Viking was a unique experience. We learned a great deal and proved that we can live and fight in this hostile environment. In fact, our standards were so high, we had so much fun and spent so much DND money, that they cancelled the exercise.

Sovereign Viking
Igloo construction during survival training

Sovereign Viking
Base Camp – Insulated vehs in parking lot after a patrol

Adventure Training

Talk about a year — one adventure after another. With Sgt "I-shot-a-moose-here-last-fall" McKinnon as Chief Instructor, the Coy deployed to the James River area for a week of learning how to survive in the bush. There was water aplenty, both from the river and the sky, at least for the first 48 hours. Sgt Buchanon ably instructed in the use of the Survival Fishing Kit, confidently maintaining that everyone would have lots of fish to eat, and then failed to catch anything himself, despite his custom fishing tackle.

The first day was spent living under "hoochies" in the base area. After a nights rest, the Coy then lined up to be searched. Each man was permitted basic clothing, web equipment, ten matches, a candle, 20 cigarettes and an improvised weapon. Upon completion of the search, the OC and CSM were looking at nearly 1000 contraband cigarettes, tins of corned beef, untold varieties of packet soups, coffee, milk and sugar and enough money for both to retire in comfort!!!

For the survivors, success came in many different forms. Pte Coulson discovered a fondness for frogs' legs (6 pairs), Pte Watson and Pte Radcliffe caught a fish apiece and numerous squirrels barely escaped with their lives. The majority however, went hungry but not disillusioned when the exercise ended two and a half days later. Most agreed that they learned something, if only that fish and game don't come easy, no matter how hungry you are!

Another excellent year for the Green Machine comes to a close.

COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

Another year has passed and it seemed that the only time the Coy was together was during CO's parades and the start of the PCF cycle. Our teams of specialists were involved in practically every major exercise, as well as supporting the rifle companies in all aspects of individual and collective training.

The year kicked off with a busy period of preparing and conducting unit courses.

TOW/Dvr Track Course

When not on an exercise, our days began at 0500 hours and ended at 1700 hours. The time was spent learning AFV recognition, the TOW weapon system and finally the APC. "Cover your buddy, recce the area you are going into, find and track the target, keep low, come up fast, kill and get away. Keep your vehicle running, your weapons working and stay alive". Doesn't sound like much on paper but it's a hell of a job putting it into practice and becoming proficient at it.

TOW/Dvr Tk Crse 8101
Have tracks will travel

Pte "Boss" Hogg became extremely proficient at finding hulldown positions for his APC. One night while driving through a marsh he found his best one to date. Unfortunately, it took the remainder of our tracks, a five ton wrecker and a lot of digging to dislodge it from its new home and get it on firm ground again.

It was quite a course — we studied hard, worked hard and played hard. At the end of it all we were the elite — track drivers and TOW gunners.

Assault Pioneer Course

The bearded wonders of the Battalion were pressed into action to prove to selected candidates, that there was more to being a Pioneer than the ability to grow a beard. And if you are still a non-believer, ask MCpl Skibinsky. He's been trying to grow his for a year now.

Seriously, the Pioneer Course is an extensive theoretical and practical course that encompasses a myriad of minor engineering tasks. The candidates on course 8101 were taught mine laying and breaching, construction of dugouts and shelters, ice reconnaissance, bridging, route clearance and improvement of natural terrain as obstacles.

Aslt Pnr Crse 8101

After spending four mind-boggling weeks in the Assault Pioneer lecture room learning the theory, the course deployed to Camp Wainwright for some hands-on experience.

Setting and firing demolitions became the highlight of the course. It should be mentioned that it was SOP for the candidate having a misfire to donate a case of beer to the course party. The course would like to thank Pte "Oh No Not Again" Zabolotny for his many contributions. (We received over ten dollars for the empties.)

The Pnr Pl Comd, Capt "Oh no, he's not going to light the stove again" McNally, did make a token appearance on the course as the Range Safety Officer. We believe the sole purpose of his mission was to contradict our statement about "more to being Pioneer than ability to grow a beard".

The Assault Pioneer Course 8101 was a great success. With a lot of study, hard work and an ability to take a lot of ribbing about the fuzz you call a beard, they will make you a member of that elite organization that no one can find, Assault Pioneers.

Basic Comms (Inf) Crse 8101/8102

There are many elements essential to ensure an infantry battalion functions effectively in the field. One of the most vital is communications. In 1981, two serials of the Basic Communications course were conducted with a total of 46 signallers graduating.

Both serials were conducted entirely in Camp Wainwright (who said signallers weren't sadists) and covered that funny language we occasionally hear coming from a speaker ("Sir, we're being jammed again"), as well as maintenance of the communication equipment, communication security ("Turn off the speaker, we don't want the Sig O to hear what we're saying), and line laying ("Who was the stupid #!*%$# that ran over my line?).

After many tedious hours in the classroom, the instructors felt confident enough to allow the candidates to use the radios in the field, without them coming on "Breaker, Breaker, this is Twelve Cool Ones — Come on Night Delivery!"

Seriously though, the success of the course has been proven by the number of graduates now manning the Battalion and Company Command Posts. Special mention has to be made of the top candidates Pte "De Generate" Kemash, Camp Wainwright (8101) and Pte "Cool Eyes" Jenner, Sig Pl. 1 PPCLI (8102).

Mortar Platoon

Mor PCF Crse 8107

Adventure Training

It began early in the new year, over coffee during a break from the rigors of RAPIER THRUST and ended on 31 July when our Sky Bus (C-130 Hercules) touched down at Calgary International Airport. This of course is the build up for the actual trek of Mortar Platoon down the South Nahanni River.

Under the auspices of CSM Cbt Sp Coy, MWO Hamilton, the platoon was put through a gruelling training program in preparation for the mighty waters of the Nahanni. Workup commenced with the intricacies of the canoe and paddle on the calms of the Ghost River Reservoir. We then proceeded to faster water on the Bow and North Saskatchewan Rivers, where the members of the platoon got their feet and other parts of their anatomy wet. With the conquest of these major Alberta rivers tucked away, it was on to the Nahanni.

Although our trek started off slow, it did not take long before we were into the fierce waters of the Nahanni. After a portage around Virginia Falls and a few days rest, we were ready to attack the much faster water of the Lower Nahanni. Winding downward, the river turned and twisted like a spiral staircase. Our boys showed deft control throughout the voyage down this unrelenting river. Only one canoe capsized, the operators of which shall remain a mystery (if only to protect their egos).

The fishing along the way was excellent and quite a few trout and grayling were expertly extracted from these northern waters. Just ask our leader, Capt Tony "I'll catch one yet" Seward how it's done — then do the opposite and you're sure to catch your limit.

Our adventure was a once in a lifetime experience and will be remembered for many years to come.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

It was one of those years — seemingly more than enough support to provide, with not enough time nor enough personnel to meet our commitments. However, Adm Coy survived — even if we had to knit spare parts and personnel in order to do so.

A hectic fall was spent preparing the Battalion for the Ordnance Engineering Inspection, getting ready for our portion of the Commander's Staff Inspection, training our new OC and 2IC, Major Liggett and Capt Novokowsky, supporting the PCF courses and retraining our new OC and 2IC. We all thought that the fall would never end and that long awaited Christmas break would never arrive which would allow the Coy to revive the wounded — send the OC for a hair transplant and restock his diovol, allow Maint Pl to feed themselves something other than grease and oil, and the Adjt to almost empty his in-basket.

After our well deserved rest the Coy deployed to that great ice box of Alberta — Camp Wainwright, to support the Battalion during our Winter Battle School. Due to the extreme cold temperatures the majority of the Coy, not employed in the luxury areas fed by the Herman Nelsons, could be found providing expert advice to those lucky enough to be so employed. The Battalion accomplished its aim, despite the harsh conditions, but only through the excellent support and hard work of Adm Coy.

On return to Calgary, the Coy was again spread through the Battalion and across the country supporting the other Coys. It seemed that the only time we were complete as a Coy was while on battalion exercises. However, we persevered (got that term from a zipperhead) and were able to repair and replenish the battalion stocks just in time for WAINCON.

After a very successful concentration and finally getting the OC and 2IC trained, we returned to Calgary only to find out that the OC was posted to Gagetown and the 2IC was promoted and cross-posted to A Coy. My God, will this cycle never cease!!

All in all the year was very demanding and very satisfying. Adm Coy came through when required and successfully supported the battalion through a very intensive year.

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EX RAPIER THRUST 82

Ex RAPIER THRUST 82 saw 1 PPCLI in Wainwright this year but not as part of the Brigade. We conducted our own Battle School with a lot of excellent training and hard work.

The most memorable thing of the exercise has to be the extreme cold. The average temperature throughout the period was close to -40 C and one day's training was even cancelled due to the wind chill factor (the actual brigade exercise was cut short by two days because of the weather). The battalion fared well under the conditions with few casualties. Training was demanding but educational and there is no question that the soldiers learned the importance of good tent routine.

We were a bit of an international force this year with a US Coy — B Coy 4/9 Infantry Battalion (MANCHU), a Norwegian Platoon and of course our British Exchange Officer, Capt Alan Carroll, still recovering from an appendectomy. (It felt even colder to all of them). The exchange units fitted in well with the battalion and there was a considerable exchange of views and many lessons were learned by all concerned.

There were four activities in the Battle School that combined most of the training and knowledge required to operate in winter conditions — a long range patrol, advance to contact, helicopter assault, and a minefield breech. TOW live fire activities were conducted, demonstrating that the platoons were well trained and could perform well in adverse conditions.

All in all it was a memorable exercise with many lessons learned, international friends made and poor sleep due to the cold. The most remarkable thing of the exercise is that our vehicles made it up to Wainwright and back again.

REGIMENTAL DAY — 17 MARCH 1982

On this year's Regimental Day festivities the companies found themselves competing for three trophies — tug-o-war; European handball; and the old favourite Broom-i-loo. Throughout the day, no one company dominated the events with the following overall winners:

Tug-o-War — A Company
European Handball — B Company
Broom-i-loo — Combat Support Company

However, due to a scoring system that many of us suspected was devised by Major Ethell, it was his boys in A Company that received the Aggregate Trophy as overall winners of the inter-company competitions. After the protests of OC B — Major Bragdon and OC Combat Support — Captain McDonald had died down (with OC C Coy — Capt Austdal either chuckling or remaining unusually solemn in the background), the highlights of the day, and every Regimental Day for that matter, was finally upon us — the Officers versus Senior NCOs Broom-i-loo game.

Since the big hockey match two months earlier, the Officers had been begging to get another shot at the Senior NCOs. You see, any sport where these two teams could be pitted against one another was/is/always will be a big hit with our CO, LCol Ray Crabbe. So after having lost the hockey game to the Senior NCOs by the narrowest of margins, it was only fitting that the field of battle for a rematch should be the highlight of the year (next to the French Grey Cup) — the annual Broom-i-loo fiasco.

Right from the start, we knew this was going to be a different contest altogether — for the first time in recorded history the rules were going to be enforced. No more of that stuff that VCs and DSOs are made of, no more flying tackles, no more soccer/football/murderball mixup — just straight up honest checking (something we had to explain to the Senior NCOs). And this is where their wisdom stepped in — knowing that their hopes were slim in a game where ball control was the key, they enlisted the support of the junior ranks on the sidelines to haul nearby officers off the playing field throughout the entire game. But alas, despite this underhanded support, the Senior NCOs lost 1 - 0 and it was SWO Connell who had to graciously receive the highly coveted trophy — the Horse's Ass from the CO.

Who knows what RSM Simpson has up his sleeve for next year!

BATTLE SCHOOL 82

Without any questions or doubt, the Battle School that was conducted in April 1982 had to be the highlight of the training year. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work and training by all concerned as well as being a workup for WAINCON 82.

There were a total of nine activities, the majority of which were conducted with live ammunition, beginning at the individual level and working up to platoon size tasks — NBCW training, instinctive shooting, grenade fire support lane, forced march and shoot, advance to contact, and a helicopter night ambush. All platoons (including the support weapons) did each of the stands in five days. Needless to say the battalion was quite busy throughout the period.

The training was probably the most realistic conducted by the battalion in the last few years. Old uniforms, blood, animal guts and mannequins contributed to much of the realism. With the exception of the NBCW and First Aid stands (these were more instructional in nature) live ammunition was used for all the stands. It became obvious that the soldiers developed a lot of confidence with all weapons and ammunitions as the week progressed. They learned to work with their "buddy" and to be ever conscious of personal and peer safety.

All in all it was a most memorable training period that did much to increase professionalism, morale and esprit de corps. The battalion as a whole is looking forward to doing it again next year.

1 PPCLI AT WAINWRIGHT

Advance parties deployed to Wainwright at the beginning of May for their annual extravaganza of training. As tentage was being erected even hardened campaigners were forced to admit that the sub-zero conditions were, to put it mildly, unusual! The main body arrived on 5 May 82 in relatively fine shape apart from the usual round of AVGP horror stories — broken down vehicles, and in one case, an AVGP which turned on its side attempting to evade a school bus!!

As training began the weather improved. The mosquitos appeared in earnest and clouds of thick dust were stirred up over much of the training area as AVGP crews practised movement and tactics. One highlight was the combat team live-fire exercise which proved to be most realistic. The 72 hour battalion exercise was fast moving and interesting, exercising map reading at all levels as the Battalion fought its way through the Badlands! The Brigade exercise in contrast, seemed notoriously slow as

The LAR team winners of the 1 CBG Small Arms Competition

is perhaps inevitable. The shortage of helicopters led to the cancellation of the keenly awaited air mobile exercise.

The Brigade Sports Day was rained out and the heavens opened for the road move back to Calgary. This proved to be an interesting exercise of humour and patience as vehicles broke down or were separated from their parent packet!!!

All in all WAINCON 82 was dubbed a success, as many lessons were learnt and valuable training was achieved.

RETIREMENT PARADE FOR CAPT JW MILES, MMM, CD

On the 14th of June 1982 a retirement parade was held for Capt JW "Doc" Miles at Currie Barracks, CFB Calgary. After six years of service as the Regimental Adjutant, Capt Miles was leaving the Calgary area for a one year tour with the United Nations Truce Observer Force in Israel. Capt Miles was given the honour of reviewing the First Battalion prior to his departure for the Middle East and subsequent retirement from the Forces.

The ceremony included an inspection of the battalion, complete with Queen's and Regimental Colours, by Capt Miles and presentations of Canadian Forces Decorations and Mountbatten Medallions. The latter were presented to those members of the battalion who had marched as part of the Patricia contingent in the funeral procession for the Late Lord Louis Mountbatten, father of the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma. Capt Miles also delivered a short speech in which he emphasized the value of the Regimental family and the importance of doing one's job as a professional. In attendance for the parade were members of Capt Miles' family, as well as Major General G.G. Brown, Colonel of the Regiment. Following the presentation, the battalion marched past with the salute being taken by Capt Miles.

Upon his return from Israel, Capt Miles will have completed 32 years distinguished service to Canada and the Regiment. He originally enrolled as a private soldier in the RCIC in August 1950 and proceeded to Korea with 2 PPCLI in November of that year. His tour included action at Kapyong, for which the battalion received the United States Presidential Citation. It was also during this time that the nickname "Doc" was first applied to Capt Miles as a result of his duties as a Medical Assistant and stretcher bearer. Capt Miles served two years with the RCAMC, returning to the Regiment as a corporal in 1953. He was married to Leslie Marjorie Baker in 1955 and continued his service in various capacities until an unfortunate parachute accident in 1957. Despite injuries that kept him hospitalized for over three months, Capt Miles returned to duty with PPCLI and eventually attained the rank of WO in April 1971. In September of that year he was commissioned in the rank of Lieutenant. Following a tour with the Combat Arms School in Gagetown, NB Capt Miles assumed the duties of Regimental Adjutant.

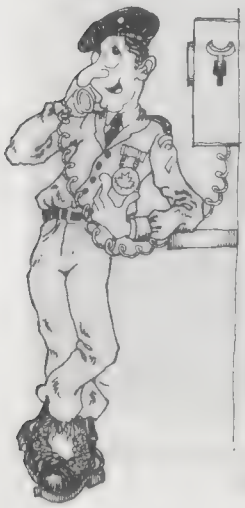
John and Leslie hope to settle in the Calgary area upon his return from Israel. All ranks PPCLI bid them a fond farewell and hope to see them often in the future.

LCol R.R. Crabbe, CO 1 PPCLI bids farewell to Capt Miles

Capt Miles presents Mountbatten Medallions to those who attended the funeral of the late Lord Louis Mountbatten

Capt Miles inspects 1 PPCLI

Capt Miles takes the salute as the Battalion marches past



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1 PPCLI SPORTS

I hark back to one of my earliest experiences as a young officer in my first battalion to aptly describe the First Battalion's sports program for 1981/82. CWO de BRUYNE, who retired earlier this year, was the CSM and I vividly remember him during one of his tirades to the Company. "The first and foremost reason any of you people are here is to prepare to fight and win in war", he harangued as he did so well, "unfortunately we don't have a war right now but $#@**! we've got sports and that's almost as good! Now get the hell out there and destroy those !+**%¢#"." A better description I couldn't imagine.

Battalion Teams

1 PPCLI fielded a total of three teams to represent the Battalion in the regular garrison leagues, most of which competed in Exercise Strong Contender as well. For two of these teams, it was a building year but their records were impressive nonetheless.

The Battalion Hockey Team, coached and led by WO Legge had an outstanding season. The team fought its way to the championship in the CFB Calgary Inter-Unit League beating out 1 Svc Bn in the final game 7-5. This championship took its toll in injuries however, leaving the team less the services of several key players. Notwithstanding this, the Battalion Hockey Team placed second in Strong Contender dropping their last game of the competition to the Second Battalion.

For the Battalion Broomball Team, it was an experience-gaining season in Inter-Unit play that paid rich dividends later in the year. Getting off to a slow start, the team finished fourth overall in the CFB Calgary league. However under the coaching of Sgt Turner they came on like blockbusters during Strong Contender, defeating the LdSH (RC) team in the final game and winning overall.

For the Battalion Soccer Team it was a building year also. Coached by MCpl Nabess, the team placed fourth overall in the CFB Calgary Inter-Unit League.

Inter-Company Leagues

The Battalion Sports War literally kicked off last fall with the football campaign. Fortunately for A Coy a single battle does not a campaign make, as the French Grey Cup Winners lost their first two games by a touchdown each. But with superior coaching and outstanding playmakers like Pte MacDonald (the Most Valuable All Round Player of the French Grey Cup) and Pte Vandenberg (the Most Valuable Defensive Player) the underdog A Coy team capped off the extremely hard fought season with a 22-6 win over B Coy.

Company hockey was almost as rough an affair as football and more than once the artillery was absent and could not add any couth to the common brawls. B Coy finally came on to prevail, defeating Adm Coy in the final game.

Nor was Company broomball to be denied. It too was a hard fought campaign which contributed its fair share of bumps and bruises to the Sports War. In the end, it was Combat Support Coy who walked away with top honours, defeating C Coy in the final game of the season.

Battalion Sports Day

The sports year ended on a slightly different note in 1 PPCLI this spring, and the companies got a rest from pounding each other for one day at least on the Battalion Sports Day 28 Jul. Instead, the Officers laid life and limb on the line facing the Sr NCOs, MCpls and Cpl/Ptes in turn at soccer, water polo, and softball. It ended with a short,

informal meeting held in the Sgt's Mess by the RSM for his Sr NCOs where they were informed that they would never lose to the Officers again.

This side show was opened in the morning with the Cpl/Ptes beating the MCpls in soccer, after inflicting quite humiliating defeats on the Officers and Sr NCOs in turn.

That was the last seen of the Cpl/Ptes in the winners circles as the morning events brought us to tire-tube water polo. It is rumoured that the tire-tubes were inserted at the last moment when the Sports Officer learned that RSM Simpson floats like the "Titanic". Be that as it may, the Cpl/Ptes and Sr NCOs were handily defeated by the Officers and MCpls respectively, leading to a wet showdown just before lunch. The result: a 6-4 win by the Officers.

The main campaign of the day was reserved for the afternoon, when all four teams were taken out to the ball field. These were high scoring affairs, played all afternoon, starting with the Officers knocking off the Sr NCOs 27-25 in 5 innings. What defensive play! The Officers team day was already made, but even better was yet to come. After the Cpl/Ptes defeated the MCpls in a similarly high scoring affair, the showdown came. Surprisingly enough, the defensive play of both sides was strong in the final. The Officers squeaked by the Cpl/Pte team by a score of 11-10 in five innings, winning softball and the day's events overall.

Thus ended the Sports War 81/82. Yet, even as this article is being written, the first plans and strategies for the 82/83 season are being made. The dream is never posted — just the dreamer!!

THE COMMANDER'S INSPECTION

Every year the unit turns itself upside down as it prepares for "The Inspection". The uninitiated may ask what inspection, but every soldier knows you're talking about the Big One — The Commander's Inspection.

As the date of the inspection approaches, frantic preparations commence in all areas of the unit. Everyone wants to make sure his own area of responsibility is up to scratch. Platoon commanders inspect their personnel and kit in readiness for the Company Commander's Inspection. Vehicles and equipment have maintenance and painting carried out on them and the people in charge ensure that their paperwork is up to snuff.

The date comes closer and activity increases. The CO inspects the battalion and making sure everything is in accordance with his direction. At the same time as this frenzied activity is taking place, the RSM ensures that the unit meets his standards in drill and deportment.

At last, with all preparations complete, the Commander, Brigadier-General J.A. Cotter, arrived for his inspection on 15 Oct 81. The Commander conducted a thorough inspection of all ranks, accompanied by LCol R.R. Crabbe, CO 1 PPCLI, Major J.D. Joly, Brigade Major, Major R.K. St John DAQ, and CWO G.R. Smith Bde RSM. On completion of the inspection, the Commander presented CDs and clasps to a number of Battalion personnel.

After the inspection other activities continued. BGen Cotter took part in a luncheon at the Sr NCOs and Warrant Officers Mess. During the afternoon he briefly toured the unit lines looking at the Company organizations and expressing great interest in the newly renovated quarters in Bldg B-8 and in the AVGP Mock-Up Load Carry.

The Commander expressed his appreciation of the battalion's hard work at the end of the day and all ranks breathed a sigh of relief until it starts again next year.

FAMILY DAY

Once again 1PPCLI had a successful Family Day. Family Day is an excellent opportunity for all battalion family members to get together in a social, fun environment and get to know one another. This year was no different as the families were blessed with a fine sunny day (we've had lots of those since LCol Reay left) and an afternoon packed with fun, games and displays.

It is hard to say what was the most popular event for the children — the Death Slide, Small Arms display with blanks, or the Grizzly rides. Certainly they were the most active. Also popular were the children's competitions — baseball throw, sack race, long jump, and the 50 yard dash. Of course all kids were winners, as were the parents as there was very little baby-sitting required with so much activity.

The mothers were also involved in the competition with an egg and spoon race that concluded the day's events. The mothers/children were more interested in throwing the eggs rather than racing but such is to be expected on a fun-filled day.

CALGARY STAMPEDE "ARMED FORCES DAY"

1 PPCLI GUARD OF HONOUR

Billed as the "Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" the Calgary Stampede has earned a reputation as ten days of whoopin', ridin', and all around good western fun for all. Traditionally, the last day of the Stampede is Armed Forces Day, during which the Canadian Forces are paid a special tribute by the citizens of Calgary. As part of the day's activities, 1 PPCLI was asked to provide a 100 Man Guard of Honour, tasked to perform in the Grand Stand show prior to the Rodeo Championships and closing ceremonies of the Stampede for 1982.

The guard was comprised of members of A and B Coys, drilled by CSM Brausen and commanded by Major R.P. Bragdon. The troops performed their drills flawlessly and were well received by the several thousand spectators. An unfortunate disciplinary incident was avoided when Maj Bragdon's voice, AWOL until the third command, returned to duty unexpectedly. As part of the proceedings, LGen C.H. Belzile, CMM, CD Commander Forces Mobile Command, was introduced by the Chairman of the Stampede Board, The Honourable Mr Justice W.K. Moore.

Guard of Honour fires the Feu-de-Joie at the Calgary Stampede during Armed Forces Day

Immediately following a short address by the Commander, the Guard fired a Feu-de-Joie and marched off to the applause of the crowd.

The remainder of the Armed Forces participation consisted of static displays on the Midway. These were provided by all local units, including the PPCLI Regimental Museum. The displays gave the local populace a chance to see the vehicles, weapons, and equipment used by the Armed Forces and allowed them to chat with soldiers from the different Arms.

Overall the day was a great success and enjoyed by all. First Battalion looks forward to an equally good day at the next "Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth".

NIJMEGEN MARCHES

Whoever said that an army marches on its stomach has never taken part in the Nijmegen Marches.

On 10 July 1982 fifteen members of 1 PPCLI departed for Germany and ultimately Nijmegen, Holland for the 66th Annual International Marches. The Nijmegen International Marches are a four day event. The route for each day involved a tour of the City of Nijmegen and the surrounding countryside, with a different route being marched every day to avoid the chance of getting into a 'rut'. An average of 25 miles were covered each day and just to make things more interesting a rucksack containing a ten kilogram sandbag had to be carried.

Training started with 21 hopefuls competing for the fourteen positions on the team. The only "shoe-in" was the Medical Assistant, MCpl "Doc" Busby. He was to be instrumental in the treating of our aches, pains and blisters during training and the actual marches. While riding his bike during the march, he came to the painful conclusion that the feet are not the only part of the human anatomy that is prone to blisters. The training was to be short in duration but very intensive. We managed to cram two months training into four weeks. This was accomplished with gallons of sweat and yards of moleskin. At the completion of training most felt that the actual march was going to be a walk-over.

We arrived in Germany on 14 July and commenced a four day, intensive training camp to become accustomed to the European climate, food, beer and people. All of this was successfully accomplished with much individual effort and perseverance. During the Nijmegen Marches, the City, assumes the air of a carnival, with street dances, open air taverns and much comradeship. The people of Holland were friendly to all the participants but seemed to have a special place in their hearts for Canadians. Only a few of the more hardy members of the team went into the City after the day's march to participate in the festivities. The rest of the team were content to soak sore and tired feet, sample some Dutch beer from the mess and get a full night's sleep before the next day's march.

Each day a different route through the City of Nijmegen and the surrounding countryside was marched. We marched on everything from gravel to pavement and everything in-between. Did you know that there are four major designs of cobblestone and that each one has its own peculiar way of torturing already sore feet???? But the friendship of the Dutch people lining the route and the beautiful scenery combined to ease the pain of each day's march.

Everyone was glad, but also saddened when the last day of marching was completed. This was an accomplishment that will not be soon forgotten by those participating. The one thing that everyone agreed to was that they would not volunteer for any more marches — until next year's 67th Annual Nijmegen Marches.

And so ends a very successful year for the First Battalion. More friends are leaving and I am going on leave.

1 PPCLI Nijmegen March Team show the Colours

1 PPCLI

Faces of the Battalion

SECOND BATTALION

With the completion of summer leave, all ranks looked forward to commencing a rigorous 1981/82 training programme which included adventure training, annual weapons classification, mechanized infantry tactics, courses, and a challenging physical fitness programme.

EXERCISE SOVEREIGN VIKING

The year's first major exercise was Ex Sovereign Viking, August to October 81, in which A, C and Adm Coys participated as part of the Canadian Forces continuing commitment to retain an all season presence in Canada's arctic. 2 PPCLI was tasked to exercise in the far North. A Forward Arctic Base was established at Resolute Bay made up primarily of elements of the unit's A Echelon, and A and C Coys each spent just over thirty days conducting high arctic patrols on Cornwallis, Bathurst and Somerset Islands. Over 250 men of the battalion took part and learned most valuable lessons about surviving and operating in Canada's North. The battalion was joined by members of several militia units, by three teams of research scientists from Laval, Memorial and Winsor Universities, and by elements of 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, 1 Cdn Sigs Regt, 1 Svc Bn, and 1 Fd Amb. Ex Sovereign Viking was an unqualified success and a most significant part of the 2 PPCLI training year. Maj Pierre LaChapelle was the Exercise Commander, and is now justifiably viewed as the unit's "arctic expert' having spent the entire exercise period of over ninety days in Resolute. He was ably assisted while there by MWO RW Bannister, recently arrived from R22eR.

A MESS Dinner it's not but what can you expect in Alert? Passing time during Ex Sovereign Viking

EX SOVEREIGN VIKING "Sure beats using a pellet gun". Arctic MG range

"With Open Arms" For Capt Steve Newman, 2 i/c C Coy, there's no life like it, as he mans his recruiting centre in the arctic

Operation BILBO

During the Ex Sovereign Viking serial, 'Big Bold Bravo' Coy was off on house cleaning duties in Calgary as part of the force deployed on Op BILBO, the clearance of the Sarcee training area. The new Coy 'top end' of Maj Harry Elliott, Capt Jerry Flaman and CSM Jack Paul lost no time in establishing its presence. Quick recces, followed by detailed orders, rehearsals and training launched the company into the field for Level Two EOD clearance. B Coy held the mistaken notion that it is difficult to locate unexploded ordnance in the tangled masses of swamp willow. Treated with some disdain by the resident Calgary garrison, B Coy was able to get their licks in when they won the "Tabloid Sports Event" at Rifles' Field.

OP BILBO. Prodded on by MCpl Dugas (rt rear) Ptes Leahey and Callan sweep the brush looking for dangerous unexploded ordnance. Picking up 40 years of garbage was no mean feat.

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Fall & Winter

All the Coys regrouped for the first time in mid-Oct and prepared for the Brigade Commander's Inspection and the Primary Combat Function courses in the fall. Soldiers became qualified as drivers, communicators, mortarmen, pioneers, TOW gunners and machine gunners. With these courses completed, it was the start of winter training and the annual pilgrimage to Wainwright. The Battalion less A Coy, participated in Ex WILDWOOD which was written and conducted by the unit for the remainder of the Brigade. It became clear that independent operations were B Coys claim to fame. At one time, we thought that Bravo had defected in the guise of a private army as they provided an extremely effective Soviet enemy force. During the month of January, A Coy was busy in Shilo trying to find the elusive 'snow snake' during an exercise bearing the same name as their quest. One of the worst winters on record provided the Battalion with a rugged 'exposure' to the elements.

"Colonel, why is this man's belt buckle upside down?"

Capt Pete Jerome explains the fine points of the Pioneer Platoon shop to the Bde Comd

The Bde Comd presents 2 PPCLI's French Grey Cup for football to Pte Ritchie and Pte Murphy of C Coy

Snow Snake hunting in Shilo

WO Paul Ballam holding the fort at Mission Control during Ex Northern Passage.
"Beam me up, Scotty".

"I think it has a flat tire"
Ex RAPIER THRUST

"Wainwright finally kicked us out"
OC Adm Coy, Maj Pierre LaChapelle explaining to the CO

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Biathlon

While the majority of the battalion practised the basics of soldiering, several members of the unit attempted to combine the contradictory disciplines of nordic skiing and marksmanship. The 2 PPCLI Biathlon Bandits followed a telescoped training schedule of dryland and on-snow workouts. Accuracy with the newly acquired .22 cal Anschutz biathlon rifle was ensured by the professional coaching of Sgt Terry Dobson. Team coach and premier biathlete, WO Don Dussault lent his some ten years of international racing experience. In January the team deployed to Wainwright to commence snow training and shooting on the newly constructed biathlon range. The daily training sessions at Coyote Hill in bitterly cold conditions eventually established a grid reference for Capt Bob Duncan's long lost black putties. The Bde Biathlon Championships yielded 2 PPCLI an overall second place finish — right on the heels of the LdSH (RC). The FMC Biathlon Championships held in Valcartier, 1 - 7 Mar provided the team rookies with a valuable exposure to competitions conditions. 2 PPCLI finished in fourth place in Valcartier in a field of 15 teams.

"Strathconas, eat your hearts out". DComd 1 CBG presents trophy to 2 PPCLI for winning the Bde Biathlon Military Patrol Competition

"Down and give me a hundred of your best". WO Don Dussault, coach of the Biathlon Team directing one of his gruelling workouts.

Visit — Colonel-in-Chief

One of the highlights during Spring 82 was the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief. Her visit was an all-too short weekend stop following her trip to the high arctic where she visited her First Battalion on Ex SOVEREIGN VIKING. The old Regimental pride received quite a 'shot in the arm' with the Colonel-in-Chief's presence, and her departure from Winnipeg left everyone in eager anticipation of her next visit, hopefully longer, next year in Cyprus.

The Colonel-in-Chief inspecting soldiers of A Coy while the OC, Maj Marcel Beztilny, looks on.

The Colonel-in-Chief was hosted at a luncheon with the soldiers by MCpl Buffy Lewis, PMC of the Jr Ranks Club

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Lt Pete Bartlett 'meets' the CO during the Colonel-in-Chief's visit

The Colonel-in-Chief inspects a Guard of Honour upon her departure at CFB Winnipeg

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Ex Patricius Regula

In conjunction with the Officer and Sr NCO training programme, 2 PPCLI conducted a Leadership, Command and Management Symposium on 15/16 Mar 82. The symposium was called Ex Patricius Regula and had as its objective to better prepare Commanders for the leadership challenges of the 1980s. LCol CA Cotton was one of several guest speakers invited to the symposium. LCol Cotton is the Department Head of Military Leadership and Management at Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston. The symposium, consisting of presentations and discussion groups, was designed to examine current leadership and management doctrine, contemporary problems confronting unit leaders, why soldiers fight and new approaches to leadership and leadership training.

CO's opening remarks at the leadership symposium

Leadership Symposium 15/16 Mar 82
(L-R) Maj H. Elliott, CWO J. Clarke, LCol CA Cotton, LCol JS Bremner, Maj VR Martin, Mr NA Kellet, Maj LPK LeGras

17 March 1982

The Sr NCOs domination of the Officers was further reinforced on 17 Mar as they won a closely fought Broom-i-loo game. The spirited match was played to a capacity crowd of jeering riflemen. The Officers conveniently explained their performance by claiming that the 'moose milk' had indeed, been tampered with!!!!

"Tora! Tora! Tora!"
Where did the ball go? Sr NCOs 1/Officers 0

"What do you mean we lost?"
The CO and Capt Bob Duncan congratulate the Sr NCOs on their victory.

Sect Comd's Crse 8201

Feb and Mar included another PCF cycle as well as a Sect Comd's Crse. An influx of new soldiers into the battalion ensured everyone was busy getting qualified for the mechanized role. The infantry Sect Comd's Crse is designed to train selected infantrymen to perform the duties of a Sect Comd during operations. Hard work by Maj Dan McLean and his staff in preparing for the course created demanding and challenging training. All phases of war, leadership, instructional techniques, combined arms training and basic tactics combined to produce the end result — a qualified Infantry Sect Comd. Fifty-six graduates headed by MCpl Kirk Drew achieved the course standard. A distinct highlight of the course was the visit by Lady Patricia who graciously consented to judge the best dressed candidate competition. During this period the Inf 6B course was run in CFB Gagetown. As usual, the Second Battalion represented the Patricia's well, with Sgt Glen Smith and WO Terry Dobson placing first and third respectively.

"Leaders of Men???"
Some of the different orders of dress on the Sect Comd's Crse – Players in a skit performed for the Colonel-in-Chief

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Student Tours

The Battalion sponsored a vigorous program of student tours during the Spring 82 period. Affectionately known as "Dog and Pony" shows, Cbt Sp Coy achieved considerable fame and mention in staging the various military displays and activities for Winnipeg's youth. Without a doubt, the Battalion will be joined in future years by several of the youngsters who participated in the tours which included unarmed combat displays, support weapons displays, and APC rides. Many in 2 PPCLI's Winnipeg "Elementary Reserve" proudly display their APC passenger certificate.

Pte Glen McDermid assessing the future source of manpower. "These new recruits get smaller every year."

"A-A-A-A-A-HHHHH!!!"
MCpl "Junior" McDonnel being used as a training aid during an unarmed combat display

"Chuck Norris, eat your heart out"

Cpl Gary Millen demonstrating the operating of the C-4 mine detector to future pioneers

"Did Audy Murphy start this way?"
Cpl Steve Nunn (Rt) some of the finer techniques of unarmed combat

Kapyong 82

Kapyong '82 was celebrated on 25 Apr in the finest traditions of the Battalion. The Battalion turned out for a windy parade which was reviewed by Mrs. Lillian Mullin, American Consul General in Winnipeg. The Int Sect laboured long hours to ready the famed Kapyong Battle cloth model display. This year's production was refined into a highly polished programme. The nostalgia of the spectators, particularly the Korean vets present, was evident throughout the celebrations.

Mrs LP Mullin, American Consul General in Winnipeg, in her capacity as reviewing officer, presents the CD to Cpl Davies on the Kapyong 82 parade

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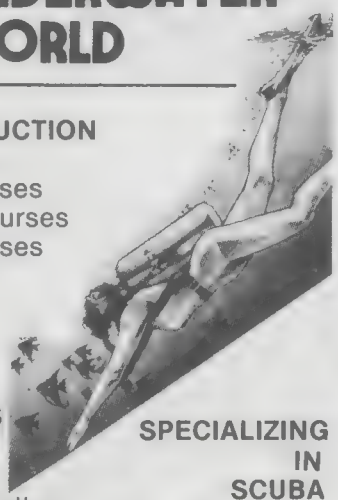

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WAINCON 82

The period 5 May to 10 Jun 82 saw the Battalion participate in the annual Brigade summer concentration in Wainwright. The Battalion bivouac at Border Lake provided a base of operations from which to conduct individual and collective training from section to Battalion level. The Battalion Battle School proved to be an ambitious undertaking where Cbt Sp Coy organized ten mini exercises designed to practice the basics of soldiering in all phases of war. The Battle School covered platoon and section live fire, confidence building, first aid and casualty evacuation, NBCW, patrolling, air mobile operations and Armoured-Infantry co-operation.

"Confrontation."
Now, let's have a nice smile for Pte Kazakoff

May also brought a long awaited highlight for A Coy, when they participated in a Small Unit Exchange with the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment of the US Army. The month-long exercise in Fort Riley, Kansas familiarized the Coy with American equipment and tactics and enabled them to participate in a Divisional exercise. Of particular interest was the use of the MILES (Laser Simulation) system. Every man and veh was equipped with laser emitting weapons and sensitive receivers. Hits and near misses were faithfully recorded by an annoying buzzer. Needless to say, the fieldcraft of the soldiers improved greatly as the exercise progressed. In turn, the Battalion hosted Coy B, 2/16th US infantry for the duration of WAINCON. All concerned would agree that it was a memorable experience, and the CO was particularly impressed.

CO says farewell to members of B Coy, 2/16 US Infantry

Recce Pl

The ears and eyes of 2 PPCLI arrived for WAINCON ready, bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, and eager to excel. The pl adopted a high profile training program which included a wake up call for the Coys during their morning runs. WO 'Two-Feathers" and his 92 year old granny were instrumental in whipping the pl into shape.

During the Battalion and Brigade exercises, Recce Pl displayed its obvious flexibility, talent and initiative, naturally. Sorry there were no water skis for the assault water crossing but anti-tank platoon was using them. Recce Pl also made its mark during the Battle School by conducting Ex FOGGY BOTTOM. This exercise tested the rifle platoons in very challenging patrolling situations.

The Pl Comd was awarded his Sparky Fire Badge with a certain Cape Breton boy also receiving an award for self-defence. Sgt Hart kept all the drivers entertained, especially "No Maintenance" McNabb who wanted to work in the Kit Shop anyway. On a more serious note, Recce Pl worked hard and performed well, mainly due to a concentrated team effort by all.

Mortar Platoon

It was not until WAINCON, after a period of inactivity, that Mor Pl was able to get their tubes smoking again. Seventeen Americans from Fort Riley, Kansas were attached to Mor Pl for the duration of WAINCON. Later in the exercise, the Pl was further reinforced from the British, Queen's Lancashire Regiment. Being the only NATO unit in the Brigade, however, was to have its headaches. Communication, drills and SOPs and fire discipline all had to be standardized. Hard work and a sense of humour, however, soon had the obstacles out of the way and 2 PPCLI had the distinction of having twelve mortars smoking in direct support. But it was not all work. A NATO unit must also find time to relax and enjoy itself as several soldiers can relate . that is if they can remember!!! As the final exercise drew to a close and everyone bid farewell, it was apparent many friendships had been made. As everyone tightened their belts, it was an exercise few would forget. With Cyprus ahead, Mor Pl will be disbanded until next spring. To those who do not return "Good Luck"; and to those that do, remember "You Yell, We Shell. 24 Hours a Day!!"

Signals Pl

As the first members of the Pl left for Wainwright on the road party, Sigs Pl suffered their first casualty. The line truck disappeared in a ball of flame before the day was out (maybe a sign??). As the Exercise progressed more vehicles were lost. One by one the jeeps died and at one point there were none operational. Manpacking a 524 set became a real concern. MCpl (now Sgt) Farley was actually seen with one on his back (possible an oversight on his part). Ex RHINE VALLEY IV & V provided excellent opportunities to shake out and confirm SOPs. An overzealous Battalion CP crew gave us a fine example of leadership in combat by leading a Battalion attack. Ex RAMCHARGER II tested the HQ group in setting up and sitting still — tricky!!!

Pioneer Pl

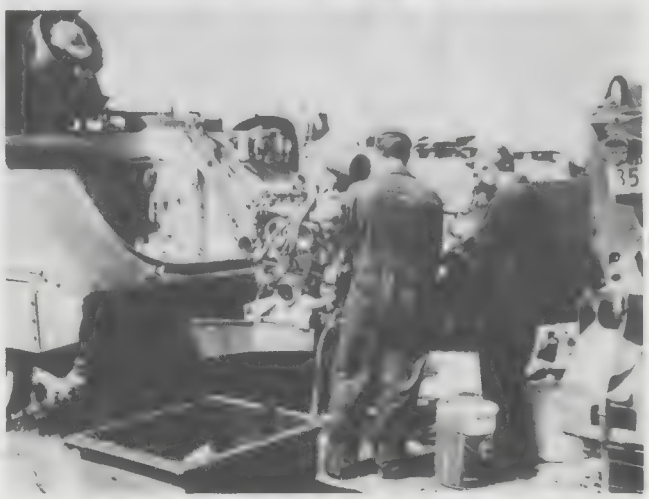
WAINCON was the last exercise the Pioneer Pl participated in before starting to prepare for the upcoming Cyprus tour. Much of the exercise was spent by pioneers in construction and improvement of the Battalion bivouac as well as preparation of areas for Battalion exercises. However there was some time spent in field work including a day of demolitions training, construction of wire obstacles and machine-gun pits for the defence of 408 Sqn in their tac eval and the construction of a fixed ferry for the Unit's assault river crossing.

Pioneer Pl set up and conducted Ex MOSEL MAID during the Battle School. This provided training in NBCW for the rifle platoons including use of protective equipment, operation in a chemical environment and decontamination. Most members of the Pl were new to this but that did not interfere with what turned out to be a successful and worthwhile exercise. Clean-up of the bivouac at the end of WAINCON provided proof that the quality of pioneer work as a root cellar, designed and constructed by Sgt Porky Johnston resisted several attempts by an APC to tear it down and eventually the cellar had to be filled in.

Intelligence Section

The Bn Int Sect was hard at work during the preparation for and execution of WAINCON. Having just come off a gruelling schedule for the Kapyong 82 celebration, the work was there to provide support to Bn HQ. During the Battle School, the Int Sect was responsible for Ex CURTAIN CALL, a confidence-building/problem-solving exercise. A 'Death' Slide was constructed from atop Patricia Hill to the shores of Border Lake. In addition, 408 Sqn provided the birds to take soldiers aloft and drop them into Border Lake.

"Isn't there an easier way to get to the Mess?"



Maintenance Pl in the field. "Now, what have they done to this one?"

"I never saw this in any MASH episode" Capt A. Anderson, the unit MO, builds his confidence during the Battle School

"War is Hell!"

Change of Command

The Second Battalion witnessed the Change of Command at Kapyong Barracks at 1900 hrs 30 Jun 82. LCol John Bremner handed over his command to LCol Barry Ashton. The Battalion turned out on parade to say farewell to their old CO and to welcome LCol Ashton. LCol Bremner is off to Canadian Forces Staff College in Toronto as a member of the Directing Staff.

The Lt-Gov of Manitoba, The Hon Pearl McGonigal arrives at the Change of Command Parade

BGen Cotter, Comd 1 CBG looks on as LCol Bremner and LCol Ashton sign the Change of Command Certificates

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RSM Clarke presents LCol Bremner with his CO's Pennant

LCol Bremner takes the salute as the Battalion marches past

LCol Bremner is presented with a farewell gift by Pte Smith on behalf of all ranks 2 PPCLI

"Three Cheers for the former CO"

Summary

The 1981/82 training year has been extremely varied and challenging. The Battalion has re-configured for Cyprus and everyone awaits in eager anticipation of the opportunities to be had in Cyprus. In addition, the unit rotation to Germany in 1984 looms ahead. In spite of a large turnover of Officers, NCOs and soldiers, the Battalion will continue to retain the character and spirit it has maintained in the past.

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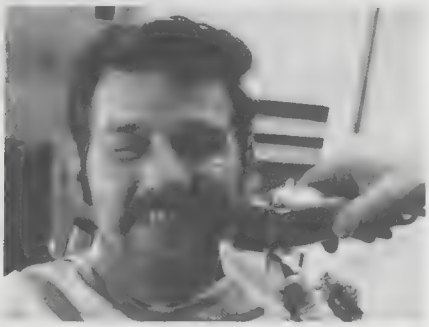
"They never did this at Kapyong" Cpl Wilson completing the 10 Km Volksmarch – 29 Aug 82

NATO's finest – (of what, we're not sure!) Cpl (now MCpl) Jim Seggie on parade

"Is it time for a smoke break"? Capt S Newman employing his infectious enthusiasm



So much for the bush

"Incoming"

Napoleon?? Would you believe MCpl Clay Rankin?

FACES OF THE BATTALION

Pte Don McNabb and Pte Dino Martin celebrate the Men's Christmas Dinner

"There's a fly in my food".

Maj Harry Elliott and Company

Capt Harry Kranenburg supervises the coffee rationing. (No doubt applying leadership, command and management techniques)

A flock of seagulls – 2 PPCLI "G" Branch
"Yes Harry, that should really fix those AQ guys"

THE THIRD BATTALION

The year 1981-82 proved to be a most active one for the "Champagne" Battalion. The previous year saw us acquiring our Grizzlies and learning how to operate them. This year was devoted to using them and we did so in a variety of settings. The Battalion spent an extraordinarily high amount of time away from Victoria, but it was time well spent. Early in the fall, preparations began for Ex Medicine Man, live fire training with the British Army in Suffield, Alberta. B and C Companies each spent a month working as part of a British Combat Group practising all phases of war. Back at home, a number of driver courses kept the rest of us busy until December. While the cats were away (Battalion Headquarters at Ex Northern Passage in Calgary) the mice did play (the remainder of the Battalion were on exercise in the Chilcotin, B.C. area). This exercise, called Winter Wolverine, was intended to provide winter refresher training and lasted for ten days. Unfortunately, the grass was too high and covered the snow, but a good time was had by all. Upon redeployment to Victoria, BGen Cotter dropped in for his annual inspection, which was followed by Christmas dinner in garrison. The new year found us winging our way by Herc to Wainwright for Exercise Rapier Thrust 82. It proved to be a most chilling experience. The training was offensive in more ways than one, but served to remind us of just how beautiful B.C. really is. February to April found us on Primary Combat Function Courses. This intensive training period included the use of Chilliwack and Fort Lewis, WA. Driver courses for wheeled vehicles and AVGP, machine gun and TOW courses, communication, pioneer, mortar and junior leader courses all helped raise the efficiency of the battalion. WAINCON 82 reared its head in May and we found ourselves in Wainwright once again although the weather was somewhat more agreeable. The first ten days were devoted to Battle School followed by the Brigade Concentration. The return to Victoria in early June allowed us to take full advantage of our garrison city with its teaming female tourist population. The month of July was an intensive period of refresher training welcomed by all prior to block leave in August.

Clearly, 81-82 was an extremely active year for the Third Battalion. The individuals who made it all happen are too numerous to mention, and the incidents too frequent to catalogue, however highlights will be described further in the following pages.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Once again 3 PPCLI provided contingents for the various memorial services in Victoria. Captains Fenrich (left) and Willow (below) led the two guards downtown at the Legislative Assembly ceremony.

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FALL DRIVER COURSES

Pte Anderson demonstrates to Pte Goodchild how to control your driver with a ratchet during the fall AVGP Drivers Course." You smack his left ear to go left and his right ear to go right."

WO Reiben addressing the fall Driver AVGP Course: "What do you mean none of you have ever driven before?"

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EXERCISE WINTER WOLVERINE

While loading vehicles for Exercise Winter Wolverine Ptes Petch and Amundsen from A Coy wondered why snow shoes were being taken as they looked in vain for snow.

Pte Gilday from Maintenance Platoon was able to scrape away some grass and find some snow in the Chilcotin Training Area.

"Take me to the Williams Lake Legion"

Cpl Boots Boutillier keeps the crows away while Cpl Cairns and the rest of Mortar Platoon set up camp.

Armoured Defence Platoon was allowed to run free throughout the area but quickly learned that TOW can mean many things.

"There she blows" as Pioneer Platoon makes a water hole for the local farmers' cattle. Sometimes even the Pioneers can be productive.

BRIGADE COMMANDER'S INSPECTION

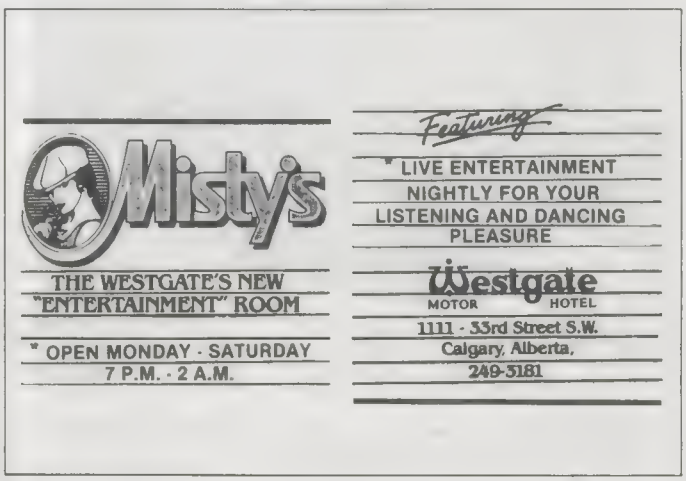
Commander of the First Canadian Brigade Group inspected 3 PPCLI on 17 December. The Regimental Colour was on parade.

Brigadier General J.A. Cotter discusses the relative merits of the typewriter vs the rifle with MCpl Harrington of the BOR staff as Major R.G. Johnson looks on.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Pte B.J. Campbell switched roles with LCol C.R. Wellwood as per tradition during the men's Christmas dinner.

During the Christmas dinner the Commanding Officer promoted all eight graduates of the fall Combat Leaders Course. Shown above are left to right: LCol Wellwood, MCpl Charlebois, MCpl Kolotylo, MCpl Ford, MCpl Sandahl, MCpl Ernst, MCpl Shaw, MCpl Bently, MCpl Mirus, RSM Carroll



Ptes Curson, Martin, and MCpl Greeley (L to R) of Recce Platoon discuss the relative merits of painting white spots on their camouflage jackets prior to Exercise Rapier Thrust.

B Company was continually seeking refuge from the cold, in this case they were hoping that a wrong turn had led them to Harrison Hot Springs.

"If this is B.C.'s liquid sunshine, I'd rather not experience Alberta's."

Cpl Edgar tries to emulate a walrus.

"What do you mean the photo copier and the blueray machine don't work?"

C Company puts in yet another attack, neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow could stop them.

The traitorous Assault Pioneers played enemy as long as the naptha held out, then they packed up their toys and came back over to our side.

The Honourable H.P. Bell-Irving, DSO, OBE, ED, CD, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, escorted by LCol C.R. Wellwood visited 3 PPCLI in the field during Exercise Rapier Thrust.

"Six hours and I still ain't seen a snow bunny."

"Let's see now . . . Tent, check . . . Koko Matting, check . . . Cot, check . . . Hot Water Bottle, check . . . Sleeping Bag . . . Sleeping Bag?"

Pte Heeley: "What do you mean you'll give me two dollars if I lick my rifle barrel?"

"Cheer up guys. The CQ promised me we'll get blue Smurf masks next summer."

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PRIMARY COMBAT FUNCTION COURSES
SPRING 82

The Basic Mortarman Course was reportedly going down the tube.

On the Assault Pioneer Course watermanship received a good deal of emphasis such as how to cross the Strait of Juan de Fuca when the ferries are on strike.

WO V.J. Woolley demonstrates his newly acquired ability at 1 CBG's ski school. It's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks.

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Assault Pioneer	Pte Gallant P.D.
Mortarman	Pte Aarbo M.V.
Machine Gun	Pte Terry M.E.
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Pte Anderson of A Coy: "Hi Mom"

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REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY
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LCol Wellwood: "You will have fun or you'll be visiting the RSM."

The Administration Company Tug-o-War team proved to be unbeatable.

Ranger Tyrell attempts to kick a field goal with an NCO during the Broom-i-loo game.

"I dropped my contact lens."

WO Bob Scrafton: "Yessiree, this bike is in perfect running order, I did the vehicle maintenance myself."

A Company chain-of-command team readily demonstrated that practise doesn't help if you still can't ride a bike at 40.

Major Johnson crossed the finish line first in the chain-of-command race securing Administration Company's first place as the over all winning company for the day.

The Officer vs Senior NCO Broom-i-loo game proved to be the high point of the day as the NCOs tried their best to defeat their betters including the use of questionable tactics.

"Why don't the ferry boats ever go on strike when we are deploying from the island?"

Cpl Edgar: "Tradesmen are supposed to use the back entrance."

Things were so tough at one point even Cpl Maclean, the company clerk was dragged out to the firing line.

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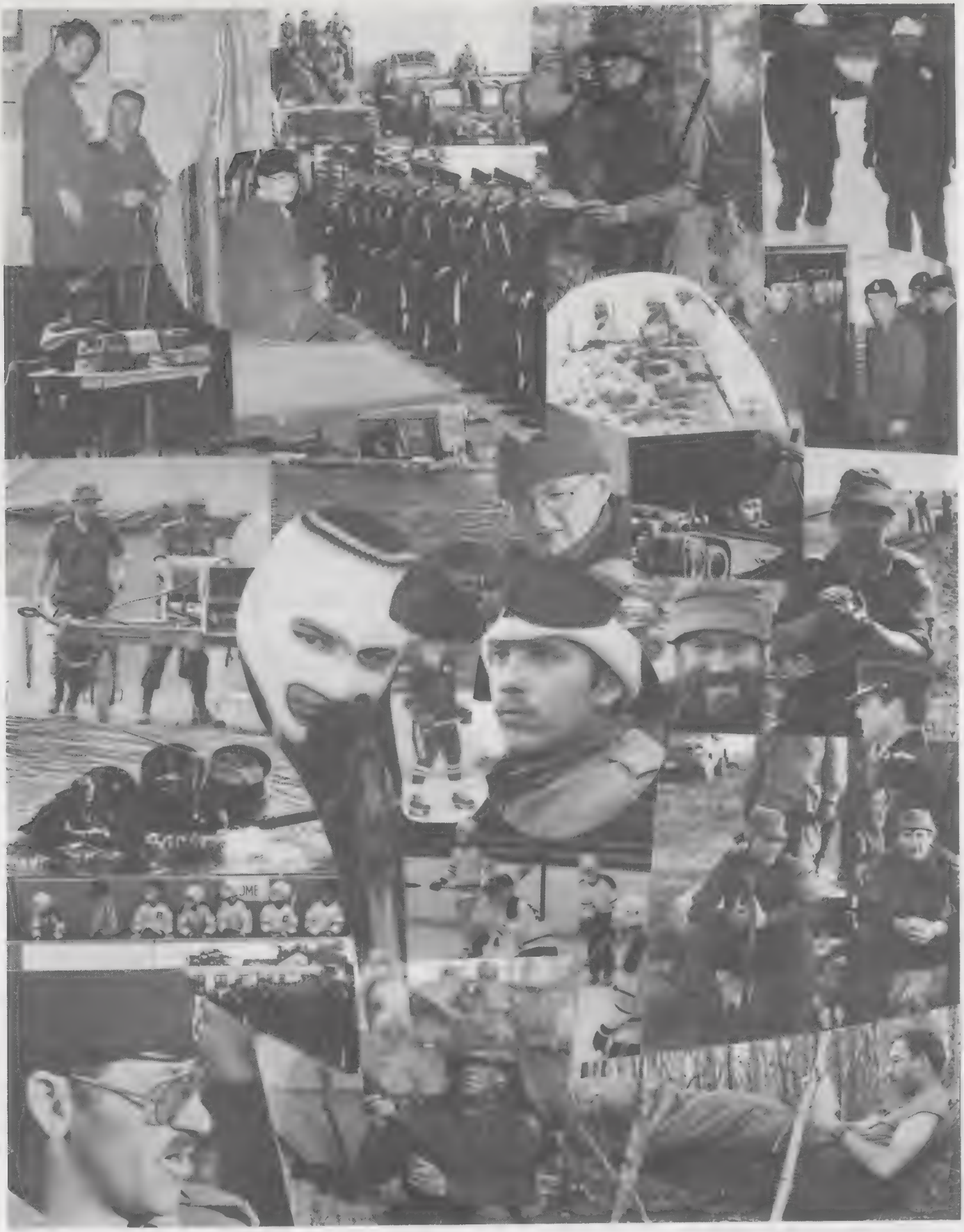

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

BATTLE SCHOOL

Once again we have had numerous changes at the Battle School both in personnel and in general appearance. The Tommy Prince Drill Hall has recently been painted and had new lighting installed — which has made for a vast improvement. In addition, a few photographs and other Regimental memorabilia have been appearing throughout the Battle School. Most of the credit for this must go to Pte Mulholland who has been employed as a graphic artist while waiting for his foot to heal.

As in the past we have had a major change-over in personnel with the normal posting cycle. CWO Bakker is now with the Airborne Regiment after a short but interesting year with the Battle School. Rumour has it that he presently is getting in shape for his Airborne Indoctrination Course by running five miles a day and swimming in the Petawawa River to cool off. Sgt Blades is also on his way to 2 AB Cdo and should be there in time to do his AIC with the RSM. Captain Moher is now in sunny Victoria as Transport Officer along with Sgt McNally and MCpl Hicks. Other postings include WO Bonds, WO Lauernson, Sgt Forbes, and Sgt Sirois to 1 PPCLI; MCpl Hazell to 2 PPCLI, Sgt McLean to NDHQ, Cpl Farewell to 3 RCR, Cpl Giebel to Borden for his LOTRP and last but by no means least MWO Giles to RSS Owen Sound.

As reinforcements, we have had the following personnel posted into the Battle School, Capt Reumiller is the new Trg O, RSM Connell, WO White, Sgt Boxall, Sgt McCully, Sgt Skinner, Sgt Parker, Sgt Wheeler, Sgt Whitebone, MCpl Carmody, MCpl Straughan, MCpl Own, MCpl Adams, Cpl Delorme, Cpl Boissonndault and Pte Pennel.

The Battle School has also had its share of well-deserved promotions. WO Giles to MWO, Sgt Bond to WO, Sgt Vardy to WO, Sgt Laurenson to WO, MCpl Berridge to Sgt, MCpl Barber to Sgt, MCpl Gelinas to Sgt, MCpl Legarie to Sgt, MCpl Thistle to Sgt, MCpl Usipick to Sgt, Cpl Hiscks to MCpl and Pte Galaski to Cpl.

Life at the Battle School however, is not always quiet and nonchalant. One of the platoons managed to successfully complete their house clearing by burning the buildings to the ground. Fortunately for Lt Bell, the CO was on leave in Banff at the time. No wonder the RSM escaped to the Airborne Regiment.

17 March was a great success for the Sr NCOs who, with the help of 274 recruits, managed to soundly trounce the Officers in Broom-i-loo. Overall, the soldiers enjoyed their first Regimental Day and are well on their way to developing espirit-de-corps.

In the course of the past year, we have also managed to locate a few old Patricia's to review some of the graduation parades. Major (Ret'd) Ken Arril reviewed one of these platoons and has also been out in the "weeds" assessing some of the platoon commanders during their patrolling.

During the past year, we have had a total of twelve TQ3 courses and seven Direct Entry platoons graduate for a total of 532 graduates. In addition, we also conducted one Junior Leader's and a Combat Leader's course in the spring. This fall, we will be conducting four leadership courses, a rappel masters course, a motorcycle course, and a Small Arms Coaches course for the Brigade. In tabular form the results of the TQ3 courses since our last report it:

PLATOON	SERIAL	AWARDS	TOTAL GRADS TO BN
Rimini Line	8108	Pte Willson — Top Candidate Pte Kealey — Most Improved Pte Burns — Marksmanship Pte Coburn — Physically Fit	27 (3 PPCLI)
San Fortunato	8109	Pte Begos — Top Candidate Pte Soucy — Most Improved Pte Hewitt — Marksmanship Pte Broun — Physically Fit	23 (3 PPCLI)
Sairo Pl	8110	Pte McCutcheon — Top Candidate Pte McArthur — Most Improved Pte Geiger — Marksmanship Pte Charles — Physically Fit	30 (1 PPCLI)
Fosso Munio	8111	Pte Elliott — Top Candidate Pte Gragan — Most Improved Pte Cates — Marksmanship Pte Pernitzky — Physically Fit	26 (2 PPCLI)
North West Europe	8112	Pte Heeley — Top Candidate Pte Adair — Most Improved Pte Higgins — Marksmanship Pte Creaney — Physically Fit	32 (3 PPCLI)
Ypres	8113	Pte MacDonald — Top Candidate Pte Haltz — Most Improved Pte Sanders — Marksmanship Pte Keeley — Physically Fit	20 (1 PPCLI)
Vimy	8115	Pte Gallant — Top Candidate Pte Holliday — Most Improved Pte MacDonald — Marksmanship Pte Green — Physically Fit	41 (3 PPCLI)

Flanders	8160	Pte Delaney — Top Candidate	
		Pte McGuire — Most Improved	24 (2 PPCLI)
		Pte Hicks — Marksmanship	
		Pte Gray — Physically Fit	
Flers Courcelette	8161	Pte Mroch — Top Candidate	
		Pte Elliott — Most Improved	14 (2 PPCLI)
		Pte McCarthy — Marksmanship	
		Pte Mino — Physically Fit	
Hill 70	8118	Pte Bondeson — Top Candidate	
		Pte Truchan — Most Improved	28 (2 PPCLI)
		Pte McKay — Marksmanship	
		Pte Hodopen — Physically Fit	
Mons	8206	Pte Eder — Top Candidate	
		Pte Augot — Most Improved	39 (3 PPCLI)
		Pte Pruden — Marksmanship	1 (2 PPCLI)
	(8250 & 51)	Pte Eder — Physically Fit	
Ypres	8252	Pte Scott — Top Candidate	
		Pte Walker — Most Improved	21 (1 PPCLI)
	(8223)	Pte Weatherbie — Marksmanship	
		Pte Manbanu — Physically Fit	
Frezenberg	8253	Pte Luciano — Top Candidate	
		Pte Murphy — Most Improved	20 (1 PPCLI)
		Pte McConechy — Marksmanship	
	(8224)	Pte Bell — Physically Fit	
Mount Sorrel	8203	Pte Martin — Top Candidate	
		Pte Willcott — Most Improved	32 (2 PPCLI)
		Pte Anderson — Marksmanship	1 (1 PPCLI)
		Pte Gilligan — Physically Fit	
Scarpe	8204	Pte Laurence — Top Candidate	
		Pte Hanley — Most Improved	29 (3 PPCLI)
		Pte Schulz — Marksmanship	
		Pte Allison — Physicall Fit	
France & Flanders	8207	Pte Bear — Top Candidate	
		Pte Nielsen — Most Improved	32 (3 PPCLI)
		Pte Arsenault — Marksmanship	
		Pte Zenth — Physically Fit	
Landing in Sicily	8208	Pte Blaney — Top Candidate	
		Pte Prior — Most Improved	31 (1 PPCLI)
		Pte Seymour — Most Improved	
		Pte Gibson — Marksmanship	
		Pte Peters — Physically Fit	
Passchendaele	8260	Pte Wanless — Top Candidate	
		Pte Karas — Most Improved	29 (2 PPCLI)
	(8212)	Pte Hum — Marksmanship	
		Pte Kvam — Physically Fit	
Amiens	8261	Pte Haight — Top Candidate	
		Pte Avery — Most Improved	29 (2 PPCLI)
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The Battle School In Action

Recruit Platoon from PPCLI Battle School as the Honour Guard for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton, 8 May 82

MGen G.G. Brown OStJ, CD, Colonel of the Regiment PPCLI, inspects the Guard of Honour at the ceremony in Edmonton, 8 May 82

Sgt Blades receives the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation from General Withers, CDS

MCpl (now Sgt) Thistle receives the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation from General Withers, CDS

2ND AIRBORNE COMMANDO

During the past year 2 Commando has been in a perpetual state of motion.

After returning from a month of well deserved post Cyprus leave the Commando jumped (mind the pun) into a period of intensive patrol training that culminated in EX RAMPANT RUNNER 30 Nov - 4 Dec 81. EX RAMPANT RUNNER was a patrolling exercise started by a midnight drop onto DZ Gorvad in CFB Borden. The exercise stressed small unit special operations and saw 2 Commando sub units recce and destroy a number of installations in Camp Borden. During the night of 03 - 04 Dec all patrols infiltrated into the Blackdown Park area and attacked and destroyed a Bde Signal installation in conjunction with CF - 5 air strikes at first light. The exercise ended with the Commando forced marching to the airfield and flying back to Petawawa.

Training for the year ended with helicopter ops being practiced during EX PICQUET ROTOR.

The final two points worthy of noting for the year 1981 are that the men's Christmas dinner was a success and the officers humiliated the senior NCO's 5 - 2 in the annual hockey grudge match.

The New Year began with winter indoctrination which was followed very quickly by EX RESPONSE SPECIALLE and a first light para assault (at -46 degrees) into Earlton, Ontario. For a great number of us, it was the first time ever exercising on civilian owned land and the opportunity provided a number of memorable incidents. WO Gill became a cow doctor and delivered a baby bull one morning while on sentry, 7 platoon and Captain McDonough became known as in-the-bag-seven and the British Exchange Officer Captain Barry froze his "hooter." One of the most educational and refreshing things learned during the exercise was that there are actually people out there who still think we need an army and who are outright friendly to soldiers. The people of Earlton and Elk Lake went out of their way to welcome us and showed us their hospitality by letting us use their houses, baking food for us, and bringing hot drinks to cold troopers. Before we left Earlton, the Commando also took the opportunity to become involved with the local recruiting program and about 70 all ranks put on well received static displays in area schools.

February was a relatively static period in which we re-zeroed weapons, practiced battle drills and conducted a short exercise that saw 7 platoon awakened by the Adjutant, who was also commander of the enemy force.

The Regimental Birthday was celebrated on March 17 with the usual birthday jump, unfortunately though, the pilot corrected the wrong way for wind drift and the first stick ended up 500 metres into the trees. Needless to say, the number 1, also known as Colonel Cowling the Regimental Commander, was less than impressed. At the end of March, the Commando squeezed onto a fleet of buses and headed once more for Camp Borden where we conducted patrol training, live fire battle drills, tank hunting and personal weapons qualifications.

A point of particular interest on this exercise was the emphasis on leadership skills at the junior NCO and below level. This was carried out in two ways; first by covert 5 man para inserted patrols using CT-2 (steerable) parachutes onto small isolated DZ's. The second was a section competition held for the remainder of the Battle School with points being awarded for all skills being practiced. The former was extremely successful, especially with the training and practice of special operations, and the latter made for a keen competitive spirit throughout the Commando. MCpl B.J. McLean of 2 section 5 platoon won the competition with MCpl P. Arnold and MCpl M.G. Marshall and 1 and 2 sections of 8 platoon taking 2nd and 3rd.

We returned to Petawawa on the Easter weekend and after jumping onto DZ Anzio marched to the Regimental Battle School bivouac site on Easter Monday. This period of training concentrated once again on the use of live ammunition and battlecraft. All personnel took part in jungle lanes, trench clearing, section, platoon and commando attacks, intensive demolition training and patrolling. 2 Commando distinguished itself in the latter by taking first (Capt Drew, WO Gill and 8 platoon) and second places (Capt Lewis, WO Westacott and 5 platoon) in the Regimental Patrol Competition. The Battle School was concluded by a march and shoot competition and we didn't win so we won't talk about it, except to say that WO McCarthy and 6 platoon came third.

Th Regiment participated in SSF directed training in May and in June we celebrated the 40th anniversary of military parachuting in Canada. The celebration included a Freedom of the City of Pembroke Parade, the Trooping of the Colours, static displays and an all ranks Trooping Ball which featured the newly released Airborne Film. Also in June, the Regiment changed RSM's and RSM Bakker, late of the PPCLI Battle School is now flexing his pacestick at the helm.

EX PRAIRIE FEUD was our next trip to the field and was initiated by a para assault into Camp Wainwright and a live fire Regimental attack onto Park Farm. The exercise was designed to test the Regiment in the defence and was highlighted by the usual digging, wiring and patrolling.

On returning from Wainwright, the Commando was once again pavement bashing in preparation for the Change of Command Parade that would see the CO, LCol W.J.G. Bewick replaced by Maj C.P. Dillon and the CSM, MWO Fisher E.J. replaced by MWO Franc G.P.

Since the Change of Command Parade, 2 Commando has been occupied with taking annual leave and running the AIC serials for the Regiment. At present the Commando is young, fit and keen and is looking forward to another year of soldiering under the maroon beret.

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COMMANDO BATTLE SCHOOL

28 MAR — 9 APR 82

Cpl Knowles, Cpl Ward and Sgt Riddle hook up in preparation for a covert para insertion

GO!!

A patrol on their way to the objective

REGIMENTAL BATTLE SCHOOL

12 — 28 APR 82

CSM Fisher instructing Tpr Maxwell and MCpl McLean to bury their faces during Commando attack

Capt Barry (R Brit 0) answering WO Schaffel's question about haircuts

MG and MAW teams contemplate the chances of making it through the day. Commando live fire attacks

*Cpl Ransome and Capt Jensen (RIO) on the 60 mm Mortar. "Next time Sir, drop the bomb **inside** the tube".*

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RSM's CHANGE OF COMMAND

11 June 82

Colonel of the Regiment MGen HC Pitts, about to present the RSM's sword to CWO Bakker.

RSM's Change of Command

No 3 Guard marches past led by Maj WJG Bewick

Major Dillon, the new CO, saying goodbye to MWO Fisher. MWO Franc awaits the presentation of the Commando Sgt Major's pace stick

Trooping the Colour 5 Jun 82

RIFLE TEAM

Cpl Whaley shooting and then wondering what could be wrong with his rifle

"What do you mean – missed again?"

2 COMMANDO
CHANGE OF COMMAND
17 Jul 82

Tpr Panacui on Change of Command Day

Colonel of the Regiment MGen Pitts witnessing the Change of Command between LCol Bewick and the new Commanding Officer Major Dillon. BGen Stewart, Comd SSF and Col Cowling, Comd Cdn AB Regt look on.

What a way to get to a parade

Lt Metaxas with 2 Commando Colours
15 July 1982

CONTINUATION PARA DZ ANZIO

How not to exit a C-130

Continuation para DZ Anzio

I don't mind sharing with a buddy, but this is ridiculous!!!

EX PRAIRIE FEUD
CFB WAINWRIGHT
Jun 82

WO Smith and 2 Cdo's FOO Capt Boyd (RA) obviously enjoying life as groundhogs

MCpl Marshall, Tpr Panacui and Cpl Bidwell providing harassing fire on the latrine

Tpr Gelson drawing a bead on an unsuspecting enemy patrol

WO Gill trying to figure out how many days left in the Exercise

CSM Fisher. "Is it time to get up already?"

Tpr Kisslinger with his favourite weapon

I sure wish these guys would order more than one helicopter when we do these things

Tpr English (Rt), "I'm a clerk. What the hell am I doing following these two grunts around in the weeds?"

No Sir. You didn't tell them to go that way!

Cpl Kelly watching Capt O'Sullivan fall into yet another hole!!!!

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PPCLI BAND

The band has had another interesting and very busy year, performing at a myriad of functions, band tours and parades.

The season commenced with a series of visits to various hospitals and nursing homes in the Calgary area in September. That month also heralded the start of the band's participation in school concerts. The latter are a regular part of the band's schedule and about six concerts are presented monthly. During the fall period, we undertook our first tour and travelled to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Red Deer, Grand Prairie, Alberta; Nelson and Trail, B.C. The season came to an end with the annual swing of Men's Christmas dinner concerts held in mid-December.

This year a new twist was added when Captain Swaneveld, the Director of Music, organized a Christmas TV Concert. It proved to be most successful and gave the band valuable exposure to the civilian population of Southern Alberta.

The New Year commenced with a tour of the Crowsnest Pass area of Southern Alberta and BC which was followed by tours to Kamloops, Kelowna, Vernon, Edmonton, Moose Jaw, Yellowknife, NWT and to Williston, North Dakota during the February to June period. Interspersed with the tours were additional recording sessions, school concerts, and mess functions. The band also participated with 1 and 14 Service Battalions, when those units were granted the Freedom of the City of Calgary.

During Stampede Week, the band was actively involved not only playing during the Armed Forces Day activities but also provided daily band concerts throughout the week.

All in all, the PPCLI Band has had a very busy and interesting year and all members look forward to next year's schedule with both First and Third Battalions Trooping the Colour for our Colonel-in-Chief. Hopefully with Second Battalion involved in Cyprus, the band will be able to include that Island on its itinerary. Until next year "Au Revoir".

The PPCLI Band

Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by P 22191 W. Ray Stephens of Oakville, Ontario.

Thirty-six years have gone by since I joined the Regimental Band of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Winnipeg. That was in April 1936.

While some of the faces grow dim and memories fade, there are still a few left around and perhaps, if not known, might be of some interest and value to those who now carry high the torch, or sound their trumpets, as in the case of the band. Until about 1935, Canadians were not allowed in the Regimental Band. It was entirely British under the astute and disciplined baton of Captain Tommy James, the intrepid entrepreneur, for such he was. The band was supposedly formed in Toronto during World War I, however a small historical note describes how one Captain Thomas James bandmaster of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, took that band overseas. It was there that Captain James had the idea of creating the band of the PPCLI as the Regiment at that time was using the Edmonton Pipe Band and the brass band of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

My era however begins in 1936 when I was perhaps about the fifth Canadian to join the otherwise British Regiment. Finally, the colonials were being allowed in.

The band up until then, comprised of seasoned British military musicians from the Imperial Army and the Royal Marines. It is quite doubtful if ever again there could be assembled such a group of superb army musicians, thanks of course to the cleverness and strategy of one Thomas James, a Barnam in his own right. When I first joined, I was quickly made Captain James Batman — a duty evidently in keeping for colonial musicians, especially young ones. However, my job lasted only one week after I kept serving the Captain's breakfast of bad eggs. It didn't take long for an egg to go bad sitting in a hot window. All young Canadian newcomers at that time had to take the full three months trained soldier course before even blowing an instrument.

But the type of British musician was really proficient. Robertson (clarinet), Boley Keeler (clarinet) whose daughter ran off with a new Canadian clarinet player when he deserted, Mick Toohey (clarinet), Les Morrison (French horn), Bob Sumner (bassoonist extraordinary) who was with the first contingent overseas in 1939 and later became the band director of the band in Tuxedo after the war, Sgt Harry Simpson, (euphonium) with a tongue faster than the side drummer could pardiddle, Band Sergeant Butler (trombone) also interim bandmaster in the period between Captain James and Mr Streeter, Mann (bass trombone) and Harry Armstrong (tuba) who was also my teacher and without a doubt among the greatest tuba players I have known including even my friend Ian King the virtuosso of Australia who was so accomplished that Sir Gordon Jacobs composed a Concerto for Tuba and Orchestra for him. Armstrong later became head gardner of Tuxedo Barracks after the war. There were others but memory fades at this point.

So came the Canadians in 1935. Excellent young musicians not up to the standard of the older British ones, but shortly capable of holding their own and more. Roly Hill, trumpet, who died of leukemia around 1943, Jack Bailey, trombone, who went to Trail, BC in 1937 when Trail sent a representative to the PPCLI band to scout for professional brass musicians. Roly Hill went with him. Ed Gibney, coronet, who wrote the book "Brass Playing for Raphael Mendes" and now resides in Vancouver. Arthur Fraser, a dedicated musician on French horn, who left before the war, joined the Fort Garry Tanks and saw action as a Major in Europe and became Director of the South Carolina State University music department and founded the Columbia Symphony in 1964. He died in 1972 and the University dedicated their new concert hall, Fraser Hall to this ex-PPCLI bandsman.

I, Ray Stevens, came along about this time (1936) on tuba and after six years overseas (not all with the Regi-

ment) was discharged in 1946 eventually spending thirty five years in the music publishing business and retiring in 1981 as President of the company, publisher's association, etc.

(It is interesting to note that in 1938 when the RCMP decided to form it's own band, they approached the PPCLI musicians openly and quite a number went through the tests and passed to qualify. However the Regiment panicked and gave the musicians married rights, free daily passes, and Sergeant's Mess privileges.)

In the few years to follow before the war, others came such as Murray Church (sax) who served overseas and spent his service with the PPCLI until retirement, Ernie McKeever (Moose) (trombone), spent his service with the RCE and retired a WO1, Frank McDonald (trombone) who transferred out of the Divisional Band in England and became a Lt Instructor with the Officer's Training School in Aldershot, England and is alive and well in Vancouver. Charlie Crawford, the first jazz trumpeter who copies his arrangements from records of that time and during the war flew war planes across the Atlantic for Air Transport Command. George LaPlante, clarinet and best miler in the Regiment. Arthur Britton, euphonium, Staff Shawcross, trumpet and rifle shot, who served as a Company Commander in Korea, Fred Ligertwood, tuba, spent his post war years in the band of the RCAF as did most of the returning PPCLI bandsmen when there was no PPCLI band around. Jack Jackson, trumpet, who finished the war as a Provost in Germany, but went into the RCAF when it was over as did Crebo, French horn. Then there was Ernie Topham, clarinet, who became a noted BC lawyer and Bill Mercer, French horn, who completed his service with the RCE. It is interesting also to note that Ligertwood, Stephens and Mercer were very active on the Regimental soccer team.

In early 1939 WO1 Len Streeter arrived with all of the diplomacy of an angry dictator, complete with Imperial Army background and Knellar Hall training. Also added about this time were others such as Baldry, Naskar, Bennett, Hames, Cribb, Moskalyk, the Cossack bass, and so on, including a veteran from the Regiment Larry Thorsteinson, who went on to fame as a Canadian radio personality, had his own radio show "Broadway is My Beat" in New York and was seen as the Colonel in the TV show West Point. Not bad for a bandsman — to Colonel in one step. The band progressed rapidly during the short few months under Mr Streeter. They had no choice! Five hours daily individual practice, standing up! Note by note with bleeding lips from playing and bleeding piles from standing.

One grand concert in the Winnipeg Auditorium and it was over!!

About fifteen bandsmen signed the 'pink slip' and went overseas with the Regiment in December 1939 in the Medical Section under Doc Corrigan. The Band of the PPCLI no longer existed.

After several months in England trying to keep dry, a small Regimental Band sprang up among the fifteen bandsmen and with borrowed horns they performed perfunctory duties such as church services, marches, concerts in the NAFFI (remnants of World War I abolution rooms) and the occasional burial as required. WO Smith of Battalion HQ assumed musical duties. Mr Smith was an intellectual gentleman who at one time had also played French horn.

Then the band broke up as a detachment headed to Scotland in an attempt to be the first Canadians into action by attacking Norway. Outfitted in ankle long sheepskin coats and wrapped with a bandolier of .303 bullets, the remaining bandsmen faced their fate but at the last moment were replaced by the Yorkshire Regiment (band and all) who went over to Norway and were never seen again.

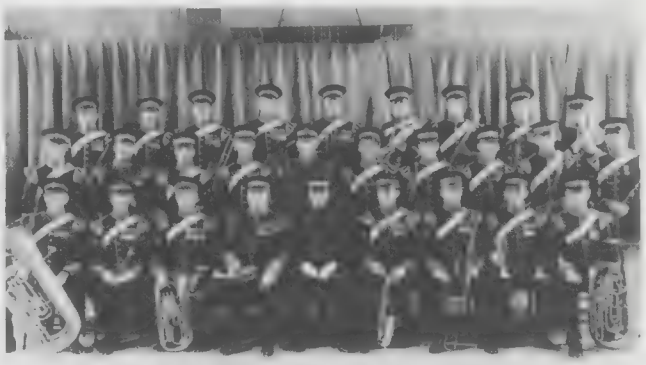
The Regiment settled in Surrey during the Battle of Britain but there was no band. Efforts were made but the bandsmen by now had tasted soldiering and found it a better way of life by being in London on weekends than playing at a church parade or an Officers' Mess.

It was 1941 or perhaps late 1940, when Lt L. Streeter, arrived in England to form the Canadian Army band overseas. First to be called back were of course, the members in the Regiment and they went to Camp Witley where the First Canadian Divisional Band was created and the first official army band of the Second War. It was basically all PPCLI but eventually all Regimental insignia had to be removed for one standard Divisional patch.

The first Band Sergeant was Bill Moskalyk, the Cossack bass, who had such a tremendous bass voice, he won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in London and was stationed there for three years. Moskalyk was an accomplished youth of twenty, standing six foot two and also was a challenger to the Regimental heavyweight championship during the early days in England. His opponent (which nobody challenged) was WO 'Specs' Mack, the PT Instructor and although Moskalyk put up a good fight it was all over in thirty seconds.

Sgt Murray Church came next and when he was taken ill, Sgt Stevens (me) became the Band Sergeant.

So, here ends the history of the band up to this point.



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The year started well with LCol D.D. (Don) Dalziel, our Commanding Officer, joining the "century club" by making his 100th para descent. About this time, we also had some visitors from the Arab state of Abu Dhabi. Needless to say, they found our Edmonton winter somewhat cooler than they were used to experiencing. As a result of this visit, MWO Collier and MWO Clavette were able to return to the Arab state in May to give some much needed Para Instructor assistance.

We also ran the Annual Geritol and Army Cadet Serials. These two courses are the most interesting to come through the Centre each year. The over-forty and under-eighteen crowd are subjected to the same demanding standards expected of all regular Basic Para serials; however, the esprit de corp and motivation shown during these serials is second to none. One notable addition to the Geritol Course this year was Mr. Nick Lees, better known as Major Danger, Columnist for the Edmonton Journal. Major Danger enjoys abusing his body in the best Airborne tradition.

The Sky Hawks have now completed their 12th year and the 889th live demonstration of aerial aerobatics and precision freefall parachuting.

Between the end of April to the beginning of October, the Sky Hawks have performed 50 shows in front of more than two million spectators.

This year's schedule took the Sky Hawks from Whitehorse in the Yukon to Gander, Newfoundland and from Dominion Day celebrations in Ottawa, July 1st, to the B.C. Summer Games in Vernon, B.C., August 26th. On the 19th of September, the team set a record by being the first demonstration team to jump over CFS Alert.

This year's Officer in Charge is Capt Gerry Vida who has 2,700 jumps, 23 years service, and has served with all three Battalions of the PPCLI. Other serving Patricias are Capt Romas Blekaitis, Team Administrative Officer, WO Billy Bolen who has just retired for a second time with over 33 years service, Sgt Roy Comeau, MCpl Geof Crossman and Cpl Tim Ryan. The remaining members of the team come from a variety of regular and reserve units.

Remember I mentioned painful! Well for those of us who thought we could remain physically idle while here at the Centre soon had our hopes destroyed as RSM Witt introduced the infamous Pegasus Days. They usually consist of a combination of fighting order, running, climbing, shooting, rucksacks and jumping. Needless to say, the Centre has experienced the odd blister and sweat-soaked shirt. All good Airborne fun.

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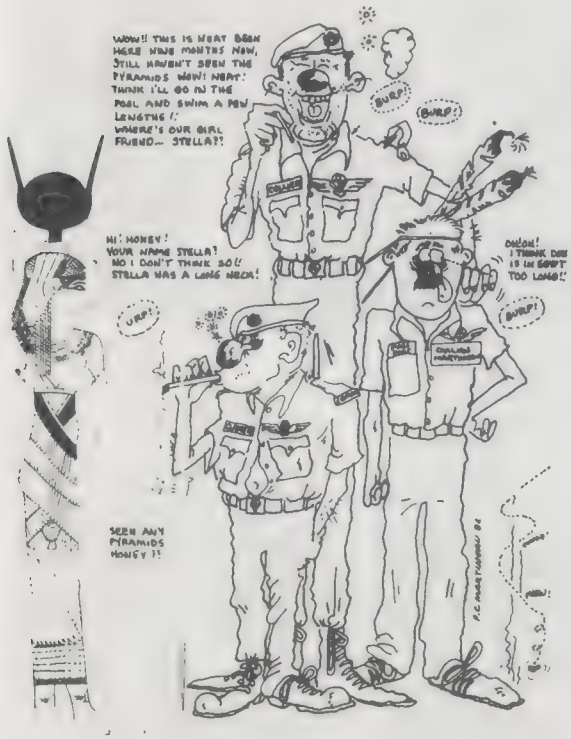
LCol DD Dalziel, Commanding Officer CABC presenting Mr Nick Lees (Major Danger) his para wings and Airborne T-Shirt after successfully completing the geritol jump crse.

Captain Gerry Vida leader of the SkyHawks para team showing his stuff



Our boys in Egypt May 1982 MWO Collier and MWO Clavette

Chief Clerk, WO Northwood resting at the finish line Pegasus Day I

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Hello from the land of lobsters and scallops. This year has been a busy and changing one for us at the Recruit School. The beginning of the posting season marked a change of command for the School. This brought a new Commandant who is not unfamiliar to the Regiment — Lieutenant-Colonel B.T.N. McGrath (Arty) took command May 82.

With him came new faces such as WO Legge, Sgt GR Forbes, MCpl JP Boehler, MCpl Dumas and MCpl Lepinski. The security while the relief in the line took place was, MWO Chisholm, WO AD Montreuil, WO JL Eisan, Sgt BD McKennelley, Sgt CN Boulter, Sgt GA Kuffner, Sgt HL MacDonald, MCpl LE Hartley, MCpl ET Merritt, MCpl PW Langford, MCpl Warrington, and Sgt Best. In addition, we would like to wish WO N McEachern and WO EL Bulger all the best on their retirements. Our front line troops were depleted by losing WO R Bennett, Sgt RAF Thibeau, Sgt DW Connick and Sgt MW McKinley.

Although we have experienced a drop in recruiting for a few months we certainly have been busy. There have been Advanced Mortar Courses, Small Arms Coaching clinics, Small Arms Courses and the ever present annual classification. However, we are expecting the courses to be full strength in the next month and we can get back to the main aim. This year looks promising and we are looking forward to it.

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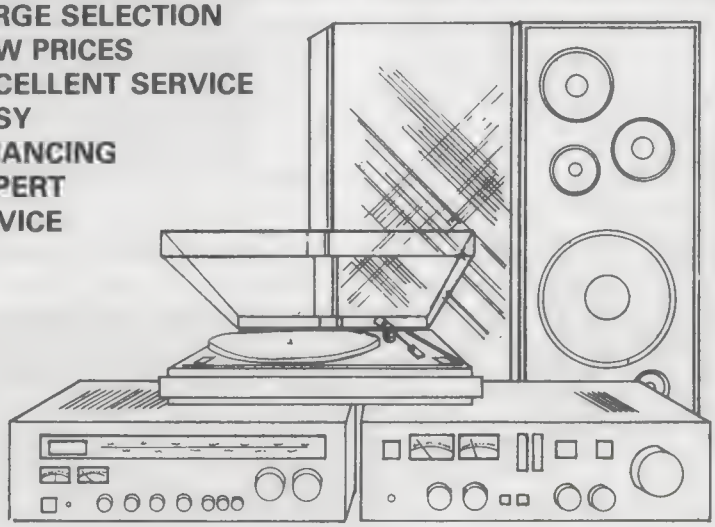

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Faces of the Recruit School

1 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Commanding Officer Lt Col CCLO Owon, MVO, MBE

In the middle of July 1981 the battalion completed a four month tour on the border between Northern Ireland and Eire. Due to the increased terrorist activity surrounding the deaths of various IRA hunger strikers, our tour had been very active. There were a number of contacts including cross-border sniping, the mortaring of one of our platoon bases and the mining of a Saracen APC. All the crew were killed in this incident.

The battalion returned to its main base at Hounslow near London for four months before moving out to Northern Ireland again. However, this time the battalion moved with all its families and became one of the resident battalions.

The battalion is stationed beside the main airfield at Aldergrove. This lies about ten miles inland from Belfast. Aldergrove offers a modern, airy barracks and good married quarters in the town of Antrim some seven miles away. The battalion is responsible for the security of North Belfast. One rifle company with a small battalion tactical headquarters is sited in the middle of the Catholic area from where the greatest trouble can be anticipated.

Though all the battalion is involved during periods of tension, the level of terrorist activity has not been high this year and this has allowed us to get on with other things. Some training in England has been possible and a number of skiing, mountaineering and diving parties have visited Scotland. Each of the twelve rifle platoons takes part in a two-day inter platoon military skills competition which partly takes place in the bleak hills along the North-East coast. So far five platoons have taken part and the inter platoon competitive spirit is not unapparent. Many activities are flourishing in the comparative stability of Northern Ireland and the sailing and fishing clubs both hope to get all the benefit that they can from the situation.

At the moment of writing we have just heard that our Battalion Band has been the target of an IRA bomb attack while playing in the Bandstand in Regents Park, London. Six Bandsmen have been killed and twelve more are in hospital. This is a shattering blow and is a sad note on which to end our news.

2 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Commanding Officer Lt Col MJC Robertson, MC

Every year one starts off by saying how busy a time one has had. This year we really mean it! Our initial introduction into our mechanized role in BAOR came to a close on 21 August with the majority of the Battalion departing on pre Northern Ireland block leave. After two months intensive training the Battalion was fully prepared for a four month tour of duty in the Republican area of West Belfast. On our return to Germany in late March 82 preparations for the pre-Batus (British Army Training Unit Suffield) training began in earnest. Now the highlights.

The Battle Group open day was held in early July 81 and was aimed at showing our families and the local Minden civilians the equipment we use and the roles we in the Battle Group play. A platoon attack demonstration, a free fall display, Royal Green Jacket drill, and finally an extremely good Sounding of Retreat were among the features of the programme. This was one of the few occasions that we have managed to listen to the Band this year, for in BAOR all bands come under the control of HQ BAOR.

We fired our Annual Personal Weapon Test and the Tickle Competition during the Sennelager field firing period in August 81. This was followed by a further fortnight of team battle shooting. We also managed to run the annual Bramall Trophy which consisted of a variety of tests for platoons. 7 Platoon commanded by Lt Robin Berrill, excelled at the eight mile cross country march and falling plates shoot, and emerged as the winners.

Following our August block leave all our attention and efforts were directed towards Northern Ireland. A thoroughly professional NITAT Team advised us throughout our training and we were exceedingly grateful for their constructive criticisms and useful tips. The three week package of concentrated shooting and training in a simulated urban environment were to pay substantial dividends in Belfast.

On 15 November we took over command of the West Belfast patch from 45 Royal Marine Commando. West Belfast was still simmering from a summer of violence after the collapse of the Hunger Strike. The Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) were very much asserting themselves with the military increasingly taking on a supporting role. The four month tour was in almost every way an outstandingly successful one. It would be wrong however, to lay stress on the many successes, arrests and finds we had, when the tragic deaths of Riflemen Holland, Malakos and Rapley are so fresh in our minds. With less than three days to go in Belfast their mobile landrover patrol was caught in heavy gunfire directed at them from a well planned and executed PIRA ambush. Despite this one frustratingly sad incident, on balance we were blessed with good fortune. Patience, restraint and professionalism were exhibited daily by our Riflemen as they went about their thankless and often tedious tasks.

Following our post Northern Ireland block leave we began mechanized soldiering again on 3 May 82 and found the pace of life no less hectic than where we left off last year. Field firing in Sennelager, CPXs, and mechanized training for our BATUS Battle Group in Soltau have kept all of us occupied up until the time of writing. Superimposed on the already ambitious programme has been the Armoured Infantry Trial which has lead to the Battalion reorganizing into four Rifle Companies each of two platoons plus a support platoon (one of Assault Pioneers, Recce, Mortars and Anti-Tanks). This has called for a considerable degree of flexibility.

The months ahead of us are fully booked. Two companies plus Battalion HQ will go to Canada to carry out live firing on Ex Medicine Man 5 with all our Battle Group affiliations, a total of over one thousand men. Meanwhile, our other companies are preparing for Minden Week in September, conducting live firing and getting ready for the autumn FTX. It will undoubtedly be a worthwhile and rewarding period.

We welcome Capt Jim Morgan PPCLI who is on attachment to us for two years and who is now firmly in the chair

as 2IC D Coy. From the Officers, NCOs and Riflemen of the 2nd Battalion we extend our best wishes to brother Riflemen, wherever they may be for the year ahead.

3 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Commanding Officer Lt Col RH Ker, MC

July found the Bn ready to take over as the Spearhead mobile reserve deployable worldwide within 72 hours. As Spearhead approached the increasingly violent disturbances of the Hunger Strike in N Ireland made an emergency tour appear very likely. But after a recce over the water and an intensive 10 days N Ireland training package in Lydd for the entire Battalion the situation quietened down and we ended up with an uneventful six weeks in Cambridge.

With Spearhead behind us we took three weeks summer leave and then started training for the Tarleton Trophy inter-platoon competition. This took place at the end of September and consisted of a very intensive 30 hour exercise, the testing of every member of the platoon in a number of skills in camp and finished off with an inter-platoon shooting competition.

Three weeks later the Battalion moved to Cyprus for Ex Moon Base, a five week Bn training period. Although we had only completed a six month UN tour of Cyprus the previous year it was very pleasant to come back and get another five weeks of summer just as the English winter was starting.

The first three weeks were spent with the companies moving between four separate bases spread all over the island. In the far northwest each company was able to enjoy excellent field firing conditions in the deserted Akamas peninsula and superb snorkelling and swimming in the rocky coves of its coast. In Akrotiri the empahsis was again on shooting but with water sports coming a very close second. While one platoon practised for the Bn shooting competition or shot its APWT, another platoon would be enjoying the facilities of the Bn watermanship centre. Water skiing, sailing, canoeing and windsurfing with expert tuition were available to everybody. A third company base was the Troodos leave centre in the heart of the mountains. As military uniforms and equipment were forbidden here in the Republic of Cyprus adventure training took priority and the company spent its time climbing, abseiling and trekking through the mountains to explore the farther villages and the remoter corners of the mountain range. The final company was based with Bn HQ in Bloodhound camp near Episkopi and was more straight forwardly military concentrating on field training over the rocky and almost moon-like landscape of the Evdhimou training area. By the end of this period as many riflemen as possible had shot, trekked, waterskied, swum and sailed and become extremely fit in the process.

We then moved to Dhekelia for the Bn rifle meeting and finished off with a three day Bn counter-insurgency exercise back in the very barren, hilly and almost waterless Akamas peninsula. The exercise, almost entirely on foot, had two features of special interest. The first was the provision of two donkeys and a (usually inebriated) Cypriot donkey handler for each company as first line transport. The second was the arrival of the final day's rations on their own feet at the rate of one locally purchased Cypriot chicken per half section which led to some interesting demonstrations of field cooking.

Throughout the winter courses were run for signallers, mortarmen, JNCOs and section commanders with study days and as much APC familiarization training as possible. All this individual training then culminated in Exercise Phantom Bugle when we took part in the largest mechanized exercise held in UK for the School of Infantry Combat Team Commanders Course.

We held a two-week skill at arms meeting at Hythe and Lydd in March and then finished packing up in Oakington before moving to Celle in early May.

Since our arrival here we have become a Mechanized Battle group as part of 22 Armoured Brigade with almost a hundred armoured vehicles of our own in contrast to our handful of landrovers in Oakington. The town is superb, the most beautiful in Northern Germany and the local people are very friendly. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable five year tour in our new role.

4 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Commanding Officer Lt Col CJP Miers

4RGJ has had a busy and enjoyable year since July 1981. There has been a steady influx of potential recruits keeping the Battalion well up to strength. The one advantage of the employment situation in this country has been that a number of volunteer riflemen and officers have been available for additional training and for extra-battalion duties, doing valuable PR for the Regiment assisting other units, such as Eton College CCF on their summer camp.

In January 1982, Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Miers took over command from Lieutenant-Colenel Nigel Mogg, who was promoted to Colonel GS of the new 2 Division Headquarters in York. In May, Major Tom Crisp handed over G Company to Chris Mantel, newly returned from his sojourn with 3 RGJ, to become the Battalion MO. In June, Major Jeremy Woodhouse was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel commanding SW district training team, and handed over as 21C to Major Chris Fulton who, in turn, passed on command of Headquarters Company to Major John Moloney.

Last year's camp was held in the Soltau training area in BAOR and consisted of a week's company training, followed by a Battalion Battlegroup exercise with the two forces commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Mogg and Major Woodhouse. Training was enlivened by the assistance of a squadron of Chieftain tanks of the Royal

(L-R) LCol C.R. Wellwood, CO 3 PPCLI, Brigadier D. Ramsbotham, Royal Green Jackets, LCol R.R. Crabbe, CO 1 PPCLI, and LCol J. Bremner, Past CO 2 PPCLI

Hussars, our 'sponsors' in 7th Armoured Brigade. APC's were loaned by the 2nd Battalion, The Coldstream Guards, to practise Mechanized warfare, and RAF Puma Helicopters to practise heliborne attacks. Major Neil Johnson took D Company to Schleswig-Holstein for a joint exercise with 381 Panzer Grenadier Battalion of the Bundeswehr. The exercise included an amphibious beach landing and a joint field-firing exercise. The Assault Pioneers trained with 21 Engineer Regiment, the Mortars went to Haltern ranges for live firing and the Anti-Tank platoon underwent Milan conversion using equipment loaned by 2RGJ (our own Milan have just been issued to us). The Signals platoon took over the new Clansman radio equipment just before camp and it has proved itself very well in training in the last year.

The camp was under the auspices of 7th Armoured Brigade who were admirable hosts again. Following the reorganization of BAOR in early 1982, we are now getting to grips with our revised role but hope to maintain some links with them.

In April 1982, we paid a return visit to the Battlegroup trainer at Bovington, which once again proved to be demanding as well as enjoyable for Battalion Headquarters under the Adjutant, Captain David Day, and for the Company Commanders and Support Weapons Commanders playing out the battle on the board in the next room. The Adjutant, with Second Lieutenant Andrew Poe and Captain Chris Mantel then went to Germany to participate in EX Hurst Park, the annual BAOR Command Post Exercise.

In glorious weather in June, the Battalion went to Salisbury Plain for a two day Battalion Exercise with welcome assistance from two troops of 16/5 Lancers.

The Battalion has been represented at a number of ceremonial occasions during the year. In November, C Company provided a float, or rather, a Land-Rover of riflemen in historical uniforms with a spectacular ten foot Green Jacket balloon floating overhead, in the Lord Mayor's Parade through the City of London. G Company and B Company took part in carnivals at Newham and Fulham respectively. C Company, under Captain Antony Asquith (late of The Royal Regiment of Wales), also provided a Guard of Honour when the Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew, visited the Guildhall in July 1982.

The Adjutant led an enthusiastic team to take part in the Army skiing championships at Aviemore in March. They did not disgrace the Battalion in the TA competition but the Adjutant returned with war wounds in the form of a damaged knee. Unfortunately, our shooting success of last year has not been repeated so far this summer. However, the Battalion cross-country running and orienteering teams, organized by Captain Don Breckenridge, the QM2, have had a very good year: teams from G, C and B Companies took the first three places in the London District team Cross-Country Championship and A Company were runners-up in South-East District Cross-Country and Orienteering competitions.

The Battalion is now beginning its run-up to this year's camp, to be held in early September on the Island of Mull in the Inner Hebrides. Our arrival will considerably swell the local population and has created considerable local interest, especially since one local paper estimated our strength of 6000 men!

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Rear – General Sir Arthur MacDonald, KBE, CB, Colonel Commandant RAR and partly obscured, Col B.W. Howard, AM, MC, Regimental Colonel RAR

The six battalions of the Regiment have been extremely active during the past 12 months. The major training commitment has been to the Australia, New Zealand, United States (ANZUS) major exercise KANGAROO 81 which was conducted in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Queensland late in 1981.

The two battalions based in Townsville, Queensland (1 RAR and 2/4 RAR) are now fully operational and kept at a high state of readiness as part of the Operational Deployment Force.

On a more personal note, the Regimental Colonel and Director of Infantry, Colonel B.W. Howard, AM, MC hopes to visit Canada as Standing Chairman of the 11th Quadrapartite Working Group — Infantry, in April 1983. He hopes to make contact with PPCLI during his visit.

The content of this article includes a brief history of the RAR and notes from selected battalions.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT — A BRIEF HISTORY

The origin of the Regiment dates back to 1945 when the Australian Government agreed to participate in the occupation of Japan by providing troops for the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF). 34th Australian Infantry Brigade (34 Aust Inf Bde) was raised from volunteers from AIF divisions then serving in the South West Pacific Area. The three battalions of the brigade were designated:

65th Australian Infantry Battalion (65 Aust Inf Bn), raised 12 October 1945;
66th Australian Infantry Battalion (66 Aust Inf Bn), raised 16 October 1945; and
67th Australian Infantry Battalion (67 Aust Inf Bn), raised 20 October 1945.

After concentrating on the island of Morotai in the North Moluccas, and after a brief training period 34 Aust Inf Bde moved to Japan to join BCOF in February 1946.

On 23 November 1948, the three battalions were redesignated as follows:

65 Aust Inf Bn — 1st Battalion, The Australian Regiment;
66 Aust Inf Bn — 2nd Battalion, The Australian Regiment; and
67 Aust Inf Bn — 3rd Battalion, The Australian Regiment.

On 10 March 1949, it was announced that His Majesty the King had been graciously pleased to give his approval to the prefix 'Royal' being appended to the title of 'The Australian Regiment'.

Korea 1950-1956

The Regiment received its baptism of fire in Korea after 3 RAR joined 27th British Commonwealth Brigade as part of the United Nations Forces in September 1950. The other two battalions of the Regiment, 1 RAR and 2 RAR, also served in Korea as part of British Commonwealth Brigades during the period March 1952 to April 1956.

Malaya and Borneo 1955-1966

The Regiment served on active service in another theatre of war from October 1955, with 2 RAR the first of the battalions of the Regiment to take part in the Malayan Emergency. By 1961 each of the three battalions had served in this theatre as part of the 28th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade Group. 2 RAR returned for a second tour of duty in 1961. During March 1965, 3 RAR was deployed from Malaya for operations in the State of Sarawak.

4 RAR was raised on 1 February 1964. This battalion joined 28th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade in September 1965 and served in Sarawak on operational duty between April 1966 and September 1966.

Vietnam 1965-1973

The Australian Army was represented in South Vietnam from August 1962 when AATTV (Australian Army Training Team Vietnam) was first deployed. In 1965 the Government increased Australia's contribution to a battalion plus, and 1 RAR was deployed under the command of 173rd US Airborne Brigade at Bien Hoa. In 1965 National Service was introduced and an Australian task force was committed to South Vietnam.

It was during this commitment to South Vietnam that The Royal Australian Regiment was increased in size from four to nine battalions.

The new battalions, designated 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 RAR, together with the four older units, each served in South Vietnam. With the exception of 1 RAR's first tour of duty, all operational service by the Regiment was with 1st Australian Task Force, located at Nui Dat in the Province of Phuoc Tuy. Seven of the battalions had two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Australia 1973-1982

At the conclusion of the commitment to Vietnam and the cessation of National Service in 1973, The Royal Australian Regiment was reduced from nine to six battalions. This was achieved by linking:

a. 2 RAR and 4 RAR to form 2/4 RAR;
b. 5 RAR and 7 RAR, to form 5/7 RAR; and
c. 8 RAR and 9 RAR, to form 8/9 RAR.

The Regiment forms the basis for three Brigades located in Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney respectively. The Townsville-based battalions, 1 and 2/4 RAR, became the main fighting elements of the Operational Deployment Force in 1980. The remaining battalions have developed particular operational techniques, such as mechanized operations and airborne operations, in line with the primary objectives of their parent Brigades.

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1st BATTALION

During the latter half of 1981 1 RAR concentrated on consolidating skills practised during the individual and collective training period up to June 1981. The culmination of this skills training was the Battalion Live Firing Exercise, FIERY TUBES, conducted at High Range Training Area near Townsville, Queensland and the inter company shooting competition, Exercise FLINTLOCK, both of which were conducted in July. These exercises succeeded in their aim of improving the overall standard of shooting and practised the Battalion in Platoon and Company Attack, Company Defence and Battle Innoculation using live ammunition.

1 RAR Fighting Patrol returns to its Fire Support Base during Exercise Swift Eagle

1 RAR - C Coy moves from the Assembly Area prior to an attack on US Marines during Exercise Freedom Pennant. Ex Preedom Pennant, conducted in Western Autralia was designed to test the ability of the American Rapid Deployment Force to deploy elements of that force at short notice over long distances.

In August/September the Battalion, with attachments from 103 Signal Squadron, 162 Reconnaissance Squadron, 9 Transport Squadron and 3 Field Supply Company conducted a long advance to contact over difficult terrain practising the Battalion in command, control, communications and resupply over long distances. This was a particularly demanding light scales exercise over an extended period and long distances in open country. The lessons learnt on ADROIT PATROL proved most valuable during the ANZUS Exercise 'KANGAROO 81'.

'KANGAROO 81' was the culmination of the year's training. 1 RAR formed part of Blue Force along with most 3 BDE units. During the Exercise the Battalion was placed under command of 31 Marine Amphibious Unit. The previous occasion 1 RAR served under command of a US formation was 173rd AD Bde, Vietnam in 1965.

The Battalion returned from annual leave by 26 January 1982 and settled in to an intensive period of sub-unit training working up to company group deployment and training at the Field Force Battle School at Tully in Northern Queensland. In March 1982 the Battalion assumed the role of the Operations/Deployment Force and to this end a number of CPX's and officer/senior NCO seminars were held. Air portability assumed new importance with sub-unit exercises being heavily air orientated and the Tpt Pl conducted aircraft moves in conjunction with driver training.

Jun 82 – 1 RAR patrol crosses Jamah Creek in the Field Force Battle School at Tully in North Queensland. The Tully area experiences over 300 inches of rain annually

August will see the Battalion at High Range Training Area conducting live firing, September/October will be devoted to low level counter insurgency trg in close country and the year concludes with NBCD training and a close country exercise at Tully.

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2nd/4th BATTALION

After the hectic and demanding first half of 1981, the Battalion settled down to the measured pace of large scale activities. The first major activity was to take part in the Brigade CPX 'Brazen Bandicoot'. This exercise was conducted as a mobile, tactical CPX and confirmed unit procedures for use in the major exercises soon to follow. The Battalion was next launched into exercise 'Bandicoot Run' which was a battalion group advance in the training area Mount Spec, near Townsville. From an initial defensive position the Battalion stepped off on a series of company and battalion attacks. This exercise was designed to prepare the Battalion for Kangaroo 81 and the training objectives were satisfied.

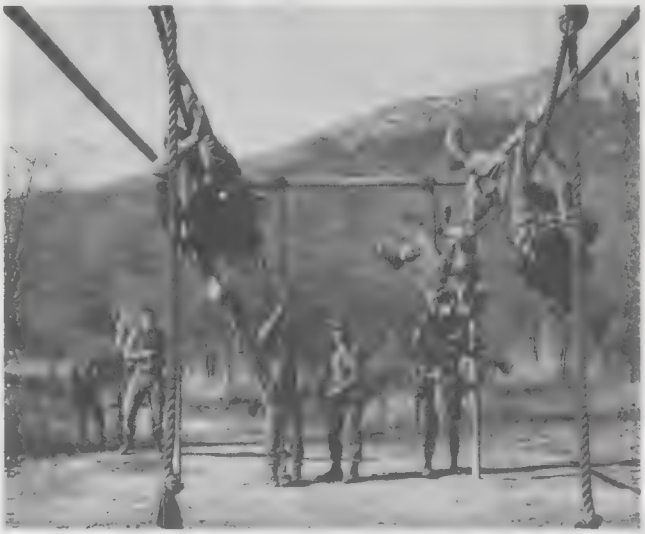
2/4 RAR deployed to the bauxite mining town of Weipa in the Cape York Peninsula of far north Queensland in September. Exercise 'Wallaby Hop' was designed to protect the township and mining operations from an 'enemy' commando force. This proved the most rewarding exercise of 1981 because of the scope allowed to sub unit commanders and individuals. The Battalion enthusiastically came to grips with the problems of living and working within the community and dispersed mining operations.

Exercise 'Kangaroo 81' was the largest exercise of 1981 involving American, New Zealand and Australian armed forces. This exercise was very demanding and fluctuated from period of inactivity to intense and rewarding operations with the Allied forces against a very professional enemy.

Exercise Kangaroo 81
2/4 RAR Spt Company soldier brewing up

2/4 RAR Basic Drills. Mortar Platoon March 82. High Range Training Area

Whilst large scale activities dominated the period, training in individual and section skills was undertaken. This culminated in the annual military skills competition in October. This inter company competition is based on the results of sections from each platoon of the Battalion. The competition involves drill, weapon handling, obstacle course and a 5 km run and shoot and was narrowly won by Support Company. Sporting highlights included several firsts in the Brigade inter unit competition and SSGT Oakford's fourth victory in the Queens Medal Shoot. 1982 commenced with most of the Battalion involved in either subject courses for promotion or specialist courses. D Company left for a three month tour of duty at Butterworth Airbase, Penang in Malaysia in February and the remaining rifle companies, including personnel from Support and Admin Companies, were phased through the Field Force Battle School for jungle training and APC familiarization exercises.



2/4 RAR Military Skills Competition D Company Section obstacle course

2/4 RAR Military Skills Competition B Company starting the obstacle course

D Company returned in May to join in the preparation for the first Battalion Exercise of the year. Exercise 'Iron Fist' was a particularly arduous, close country exercise involving search and destroy missions for each rifle company in a given Area of Operations. The nature of the terrain and the enemy's tactics fully tested the initiative and individual skills of every soldier involved. This very successful exercise concluded the Battalion's activities for June 1982.

3rd BATTALION

During the period July 1981 - June 1982 'Old Faithful' had two major concerns. These were, firstly the gearing of the Battalion towards an airmobile role, and, secondly the move from Woodside, South Australia, to its new home with the rest of 1 Brigade in Holsworthy Barracks, Sydney. The period also saw the departure of LTCOL S. Krasnoff as Commanding Officer, in January 1982, and the reins taken over by LTCOL J. Connolly.

From 15 June 1981 to 30 June 1981, the CO and many senior officers from the Battalion participated in Exercise 'Tropic Lightning', the CPX in Hawaii. They certainly appreciated the opportunity to work with the US Army, not to mention the sights afforded by the islands.

From September 1981 the unit began to move married personnel across to Holsworthy to form the Holsworthy Detachment of 3 RAR, a move of 1,100 km as the galah (an Australian parrot) flies. This body prepared the way for the move across of the unit's stores and personnel. Most of the unit's married members were across by December 1981, and the single members returned from leave to Holsworthy. By February 1982 the Battalion was on the ground in Holsworthy, co-located with 8/12 Medium Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. We were co-located in the lines until May, which created something of a squeeze. Despite the fact that everybody, to some extent, misses the quiet, 'rural' atmosphere of Woodside, the unit has now settled comfortably in the big smoke of Sydney. The unit maintained a heavy commitment to support other units and activities, particularly Exercise Kangaroo 81, where we supplied a Headquarters Defence Company, General Duties, and most of our Officers and Senior NCOs as Umpires for the period 12 October to 5 November. This, coupled with support to various Army Reserve Courses, meant that for a large part of the latter half of 1981, the unit was light on the ground.

On 2 December 1981, 3 RAR held a final parade at Woodside. The unit flag was lowered for the last time as the unit bid a formal farewell to Woodside. The move to Sydney saw the end of a 16 year association with South Australia. LTCOL Krasnoff commanded the parade, which also saw the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the time spent in South Australia.

The importance of live firing was emphasized in 1982 by Exercise 'Shut Out' held in March/April. The shooting results of all the companies were highly satisfactory, many members gaining their Marksmanship badges. In March B Company made the trip to sunny Tully, North Queensland, for 10 days with the Field Force Battle School. For many of the members of the company it was their first chance to work in true close country, and for the rest, it was a valuable brush up on close country work.

May saw the unit once again concentrating on individual skills and sub-unit training on Ex 'Cloud Burst'. All these early exercises were designed to prepare the unit for rapid and effective deployment after air insertion. The actual use of air mobility was designed for the latter half of this year. Later 3 RAR earned the nickname of 'The Hiking Club' on Exercise 'Central Vision' at Baradine, NW New South Wales. The Battalion was deployed as if air-dropped on an airfield which was secured for further operations. From there the advance north began. Over a period of 9 days the unit advanced 140 kms.

On 24 April the Battalion once again remembered the Battle of Kapyong. The parade was held on the Saturday afternoon, and was well attended by families and members of 3 RAR who participated in the Battle. COL I.B. Ferguson, DSO, MC the CO 3 RAR at Kapyong, affixed the Kapyong Streamer to the colours. He also spoke to the Officers, Warrant Officers and NCOs on 22 April about the battle and his experiences.

6th BATTALION

The period July 1981 - June 1982 was busy for 6 RAR. The Battalion was involved in two major exercises and many minor ones. Both the major exercises were conducted in conjunction with visiting forces. Soldiers came from the UK, New Zealand, US, Malaysia and Singapore. Exercise 'Platypus' was a five power defence agreement exercise whilst the other major exercise was 'Kangaroo 81'.

B Coy deployed to Malaysia from September to November as the airfield defence guard at Butterworth. They gained a valuable period of training in jungle warfare techniques during their tour of duty.

6 RAR. Lt Col P.J. Langford assumes command of 6 RAR Jan 82

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D Coy, 6 RAR jumping at Narrabri Central New South Wales, March 1982

1982 commenced with a change over in command when LTCOL P.J. Langford assumed command of 6 RAR.

Training during the first half of the year concentrated on basic Infantry skills to sub-unit level. This training involved practicing our operational deployment skills and these included airborne and airmobile training; amphibious operations; and the bane of infantryman's existence, operations with the general purpose (GP) boot.

A Coy 6 RAR, sealanding North Stradborke Island, February 1982

A Coy, 6 RAR Airmobile

Finally a word about the dog Saltwood Shiraz Jasmine (Blue) is not, contrary to popular belief, the 6 RAR mascot. She is referred to as the Battalions' Friend and although she looks loke a mongrel, is in fact a pedigree Queensland blue heeler cattle dog.

SALTWOOD SHIRAZ JASMINE (BLUE)

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HISTORICAL MARKERS

Memorial Plaque

A memorial plaque to our first Colonel-in-Chief, The Lady Patricia Ramsay, VA, CI, CD was unveiled in St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Ottawa by the present Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma. The plaque hangs in a very prominent part of the church just to the right of the lectern in the sanctuary and is inscribed as follows:

TO THE MEMORY OF
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At the service, the Colonel of the Regiment spoke on the history of the Regiment and of our First Colonel-in-Chief's activities. The Countess Mountbatten of Burma's presentation concentrated on how our First Lady always spoke of her beloved Patricia's and she held this high degree of love until her death. The Colonel of the Regiment paid tribute to the twenty four visits Lady Patricia Ramsay had made to her Regiment in Canada. The Memorial Plaque Committee was chaired by Colonel 'Suds' Sutherland and fully supported by the Ottawa Branch and serving members of the Regiment in the Ottawa area.

The evening function was combined with the Dining Out of Bill Love, Paddy Collins, Dave Snowball, Fred Volkes and Dick Wallace. The Colonel-in-Chief remarked on how the Regiment is always surprising her and how this evening's attendance of some one hundred and twenty people was again a pleasant surprise and that she was looking forward to visiting her troops on exercise in Resolute Bay.

To all, my congratulations on a magnificent show.

Memorial Marker — Hamilton Gault Barracks

The unveiling ceremony of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Marker was conducted on Saturday, 8 May 82 at the entrance to the Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton, Alberta. The Cairn was officially unveiled by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General G.G. Brown, OStJ, CD with a recruit platoon forming the Guard of Honor, provided by the PPCLI Battle School, Wainwright, Alta. It was most gratifying to see such a large turnout of Association members and serving members of the Regiment. The guard performed in the traditional Patricia manner and all present remarked about their excellent dress, deportment, and steadiness on parade.

Immediately following the unveiling ceremony, a get-together and buffet luncheon was held at the Officers' Mess. It was enjoyable to renew old acquaintances and speak to recruits from the guard. In the Mess, the Colonel of the Regiment spoke informally to all the recruits on our Regimental History and the importance of the Regimental Family.

Our thanks to the Edmonton Branch, who did a wonderful job hosting this event and also to members of the Regimental Headquarters and CFB Edmonton who gave their full support.

PUBLICATIONS

The Patrician

The Patrician is the annual journal of the Regiment. Branches are requested to take more advantage of this excellent publication by submitting reports of activities, items of interest, photographs, etc to RHQ by 1 September of each year. It is a wonderful vehicle to use for communicating what the Association is doing to serving and Association members.

Regimental Newsletter

Difficulties are being experienced by Regimental Headquarters in producing the Newsletter quarterly, mainly due to costs and shortages of manpower. The Newsletter is the Association's best means of keeping in contact with Association and serving members and also is the best means of advertising and obtaining new members. It is imperative that it continue.

PROJECTS

Lord Louis Mountbatten Statue Fund

The Statue is to be located on the Horse Guards Parade Square. All donors regardless of amount given will be listed in the memorial book. The PPCLI Association has donated $50.00 and the Calgary Branch $25.00. Branches wishing to contribute to the fund should forward their contributions to RHQ as soon as possible.

Lapel Pin

An Association lapel pin similar to the logo on our blazer is being designed by Tom Reid for approval or otherwise at our Annual General Meeting. The lapel pin is being designed so that Branches may add their name to it.

Certificate of Appreciation

As soon as it is available, a sample of the Certificate of Appreciation approved at the 33rd Annual General Meeting, will be sent to the Branches along with the application form and criteria for eligibility for comments.

Assistance to the Bereaved

An aide memoire to assist widows and children of superannuates will be presented at the 34th Annual General Meeting (7 Nov 82) and if approved in principle, will be forwarded to Branches for their comments.

PPCLI Needs Your Support

Replies received from Branches to the proposal to place an ad in the Royal Canadian Legion magazine, were appreciated. New ideas and suggested amendments will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

75th Anniversary — 1989

Planning has begun to put on a performance even better than that of our 50th Anniversary celebrations in 1964.

It is proposed to hold a National Convention of the Association in Ottawa 18/21 Aug 89 to coincide with other Regimental celebrations in the area.

Any ideas or suggestions of how Branches would like to celebrate the 75th Anniversary would be appreciated.

KOREAN STUDENT BURSUARY

On April 24, 1982 a commemoration ceremony of the Battly of Kapyong was held in front of the Commonwealth War Memorial at Kapyong, Kyonggi-do, Korea. Present at the ceremony were Canadian Ambassador W.E. Bauer; Australian Ambassador E.R. Peacock; New Zealand Ambassador E. Farnon, and Representative Chi Kap-Chong, Chairman of the UN Korean War Allies Association.

After the ceremony, LCol S.W. Spencer, CD, the Canadian Forces Defence Attache, acting on behalf of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry presented three bursaries to students at Kapyong Buk (North) Middle School.

Presentation of Student Bursaries
Ambassador W.E. Bauer, LCol S.W. Spencer, CD and Rep Chi Kap-Chong.

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Memorial Marker in the Griesbach area of CFB Edmonton on 8 May 1982.

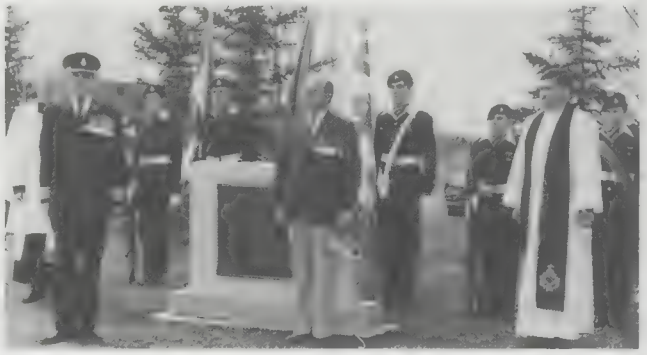
The marker is situated North of the gates at the entrance of the Hamilton Gault Barracks which is now home for the Northern Alberta Militia District. It consists of a large slab of granite mounted on a granite base, resting on a cement foundation. A large bronze plaque is affixed to the face of the slab and contains the following inscription: "THIS MARKER COMMEMORATES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HAMILTON GAULT BARRACKS OPENED 1957. THE BARRACKS WAS NAMED IN HONOUR OF THE FOUNDER OF THE PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY, BRIGADIER A. HAMILTON GAULT, DSO, ED, CD, AND WAS THE HOME STATION OF HIS REGIMENT DURING THE PERIOD 1958-1968. ORIGINAL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE BARRACKS WERE NAMED IN MEMORY OF THE REGIMENT'S VICTORIA CROSS WINNERS, LT H. MACKENZIE, VC, DCM; LT H. MULLIN, VC, MM; SGT R. SPALL, VC; AND MAJOR BATTLES IN WHICH THE REGIMENT DISTINGUISHED ITSELF IN THREE WARS: FREEZENBERG, LEONFORTE AND KAPYONG." A large replica of the Regimental Badge adorns the left and right sides of the plaque and these signal at a glance the identity of the marker. It is an attractive monument of modest and suitable proportions, one in which all Patricia's can take pride, particularly those who recall service at Home Station Edmonton.

Prominent personages who were present at the dedication ceremony included our guest of honour, Major General G.G. Brown, OStJ, CD, Colonel of the Regiment; Brigadier General J.L. Sharpe, CD, Commander 1 CBG; Major H.S. Bloom, CD, Regimental Major; and Captain J.W. Miles, MMM, CD, Regimental Adjutant. Other guests included LCol C.V. Lilley, MC, OMM, CD, National President PPCLI Association; LCol R.R. Crabbe, CD, CO 1 PPCLI; LCol R.L. Dallison, CD, CO PPCLI Battle School; Chief of Police Robert Lunney, City of Edmonton; LCol J.H. Quarton, CD, ADC, past CO (4 PPCLI) The Loyal Edmonton Regiment; LCol C.G. Marshall, CD, CO (4 PPCLI) The Loyal Edmonton Regiment; Mr J. Pritchard, President Calgary Branch PPCLI Association; Edmonton Branch PPCLI Association Past Presidents, Wally Mills, Jim O'Neill, Joe Dunn, and Paul Robison. Prominent Patricia's also included LCol D.D. Dalziel, CD, Commanding Officer The Canadian Airborne Centre and his Adjutant Capt C.C. Smith, CD.

The Guard of Honour was provided by the PPCLI Battle School while the resplendent Edmonton City Police Pipe Band provided the music. Members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Cadet Corps under Command of Jim Stanton, Edmonton Branch Vice-President, formed the Colour Party. The dedication was read by Chaplains Capt W.J. Rose, Northern Alberta Militia District, and Capt R. Gardner, 1 PPCLI.

Parade arrangements and conduct were under the direction of CWO E.C. Simpson, CD, RSM 1 PPCLI and the performance was flawless.

A reception followed at the Reserve Officers' Mess for guests and participants. The presence of the delegation from the Calgary Branch was a pleasant and very welcome surprise.



A pause in the dedication ceremony to remember fallen comrades. (L-R) Capt WJ Rose, NAMD RC Chap; MGen GG Brown, Colonel of the Regt PPCLI; D. LaRose, Pres Edmonton Br PPCLI Assn; Capt R. Gardner, Prot Chap 1 PPCLI; and the Colour Party from LER (4PPCLI) Cadet Corps

Capt WJ Rose, RC Chap NAMD, reading a prayer of dedication.

MGen Brown and Mr LaRose examine the commemorative marker at Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton, Alta

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H 16671	Mr Roy W. Prout	In Winnipeg, Manitoba 19 Sep 82. Joined PPCLI 22 Jun 40. SOS 3 Jun 45. Served in UK, Italy, and NW Europe.
471-598-391	Pte Allan J. Prinz	On 26 Sep 82. A member of 2 PPCLI while serving in Cyprus.
721-032-324	Pte J.K. Rankin	In Winnipeg, Manitoba on 7 Jul 82. A member of 2 PPCLI.
1798	Sgt J.J. White (Ret'd)	In England, on 17 Mar 82. Joined PPCLI in the Field Sep 1914. Wounded 1 Jul 15 and 13 Aug 18. SOS 16 Aug 18.
458-004-744	Captain D.B. Simpson	Near Banff, Alberta on 31 Jul 82. A member of 1 PPCLI.
612-191-221	Captain J.R.D. Falconer	In Victoria, BC on 29 Aug 82.
513 794	Mr C. Naylor	In Paris, Ontario on 3 Oct 81. Joined PPCLI in the field on 21 Mar 17. SOS 20 Mar 19.
475 797	Mr H.J. Chamberlain	On 30 Jan 82. A member of 3 University Company, he joined PPCLI in the field on 6 Dec. 15. SOS to 7th Bde MG Coy on 20 May 16.
	Captain E. Abildgaard, CD	On 20 Jan 82 in Calgary, Alberta. Served in CA(R) and Canadian Forces 1939 to 1973, with Essex & Scottish Regt, RCOC, 3 PPCLI and QOR of C and RQMS.
487 447	Mr. A.H. Heatley	On 14 Jan 82 at Burlington, Ontario. A member of 5th University Company. Joined PPCLI in the field 9 Jun 16. Wounded 9 Apr 17. SOS 13 Apr 17.
23199	Lieutenant J.F. White	On 13 Dec 80 at Charlottetown, PEI. Joined PPCLI 24 Feb 1915, Wounded 8 May 15. SOS 10 Dec 15. Subsequently Commissioned and served with the 105th Battalion.

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